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Big Horn County
COVID-19 Response Update**

There are many conflicting reports and misinformed social media postings surrounding the COVID-19 virus and State and County responses. Big Horn County Officials are working closely with the Governor's Office and Wyoming Department of Health to ensure the appropriate precautionary actions are taken and clearly communicated.

Please be assured that Sheriff's Office and Dispatch operations will remain uninterrupted throughout this situation.

Just as we have always done in Big Horn County, our communities will face this challenge head on, will cowboy up, and overcome it. We need to unite as a community to stave off the panic and knee jerk reactions particularly when it comes to bulk buying and hoarding commodities. Please be mindful of your neighbors and our most vulnerable populations. All of our communities have vulnerable citizens and those on fixed income that don't have the ability or resources to stockpile needed items or drive to bigger cities to purchase from larger retailers. Please help keep our vulnerable citizens prepared by purchasing items in only the quantities you need for your family. If you have stockpiled items please consider sharing them with others in need. By helping one another during these uncertain times we will come out of this a stronger Big Horn County Community.

Here are a few simple points to keep in mind.

- The same health care and risk limiting steps with any viral illness still apply to COVID-19.
Wash your hands and avoid touching your face
Avoid unnecessary close contact
Stay home if you are not feeling well
Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
Avoid Crowds and sick individuals
- Practice social distancing to avoid contact with others who may be sick.



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- Currently the CDDC has stated that 80% of those who contract this virus will have mild symptoms, only 15-20% will require medical care and the virus is fatal in less than 2% of the most vulnerable population.

Please be assured, the Big Horn County Incident Response Team is monitoring all information closely and will share accurate updates regularly. Updates will be posted on the County Website, County Facebook Page, Sheriff's Facebook page and will be sent to the local newspapers a minimum of once daily during the duration of this outbreak.

Sources of Information on COVID-19:

Park County Public Health Coronavirus Information Line at 307-754-1870 or 307-527-1870.

Wyoming Department of Health Website: <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus>.

CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>.

Respectfully,

The Big Horn County Commissioners and Incident Response Team