

April 4, 2020 "ME PROTECTING YOU and YOU PROTECTING ME."

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Big Horn County

COVID-19 Update/Response

For Immediate Release

The Governor's press release yesterday **extended all three of the [State Health Orders](#) until April 30th**. He also stated the following:

"Let me make it clear that Wyoming is deploying every asset we have to combat this crisis of COVID-19."

"If you are waiting for me to issue a "Shelter in Place Order" when you have Dr. Wheeler and Dr. Dowell telling you that you should stay home, and I am telling you to stay home, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?"

"Are you taking care of yourself and practicing the common sense that we expect?"

"People don't need to have someone tell them to put a raincoat on when it's going to rain. And believe me it is raining!"

"As a state we should all be committed to the same thing right now. We must focus on improving compliance and adherence. That's how you protect lives."

"Stay home"

"Wash your hands"

"Maintain 6 feet of distance"

"Only go to the store as an individual – not as a group"

"Do NOT congregate in groups of more than 10"

"Don't mob stores or allow your kids to gather up for play dates"

"Don't allow shoppers to mingle in aisles or checkout lines"

"THAT IS THE BEHAVIOR WE NEED! IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE BEHAVE THIS WAY!"

Governor Gordon issued another directive stating the "influx of out of state visitors" "poses a threat" to Wyoming citizens.

"Any person coming to Wyoming from another state or county for a non-work-related purpose *must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days.*"

Dr. Alexia Harrist, State Health Officer, advised:

"If you have a fever or cough, you might or might not have COVID-19. We ask that you assume that you do and follow our recommendations, especially staying home and away from other people no matter what your job may be. Most people are able to recover at home without medical attention."

Dr. Harrist further warned, as she highlighted data about people being able to spread the virus before they have symptoms, **"Anyone can spread this disease, even if they don't know they are ill."**

Dr. Harrist stressed, **"Yes I am concerned that we will not have enough hospital beds, ICU beds, ventilators health care workers to take care of patients in those beds and on those ventilators. And that's why we're asking people to take the measures we are asking them to take."**



DO THE FIVE SAVE LIVES

Help stop coronavirus

- 1 **STAY HOME** SAVE LIVES
- 2 **KEEP** a safe distance
- 3 **WASH** hands often
- 4 **COVER** your cough
- 5 **SICK?** Call ahead



The Governor concluded, **“Make sure you do everything you can to protect your fellow citizens. It could not be more critical than now. Let’s make sure we beat this thing.”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UUFsHi-AA0>

Surgeon General, Jerome Adams, MD stated in the White House Briefing yesterday, **“This is all about me protecting you and you protecting me.”**

Let us be responsible. PLEASE make a difference. STAY HOME.

As of this morning, we have **187** cases in Wyoming. The number of cases has shot up like a geyser. And like the geysers at Yellowstone, this is just what we are seeing upon the surface. Far more lies beneath .

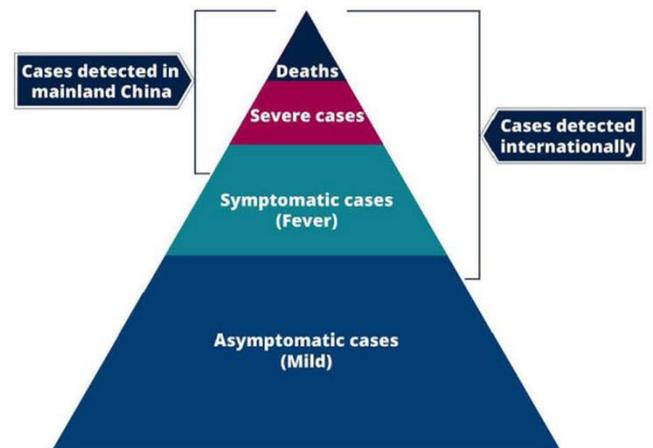
Yet we have **49** people who have fully recovered and are not quarantined or hospitalized anymore. NO DEATHS. We still have NO CASES in Big Horn County, with 30 tests resulted and 2 pending.



Old Faithful erupting at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

DO THE FIVE, SAVE LIVES

- Stay Home. Stay Distant. Stay Safe!
- Counter COVID with Clean Counters!
- Swerve the Curve!
- Kick the Panic!
- Curb the Spread, Keep your Head!
- Stay Home on The Range, To Avoid the Strains!
- Say your Prayers and Share your Cares.
- Don’t touch your FACE, Keep in your SPACE.
- Hold the Phone, Keep in your Zone.
- Borders Closed, so they’re not Exposed.
- Coping with COVID
- COVID’s HERE and REAL, Use precautions with ZEAL
- “ME PROTECTING YOU and YOU PROTECTING ME.”



If you need help finding a health care provider or additional information on COVID call **211**.

Anyone who feels that they may be at risk of harming themselves, or who knows of someone in immediate danger of harming themselves, should **call 911**. Anyone experiencing suicidal thoughts is encouraged to call the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **1-800-273-TALK (8255)** or text **“WYO” to 741-741** for the Crisis Text Line. Veterans can call: 1 800-273-8255.



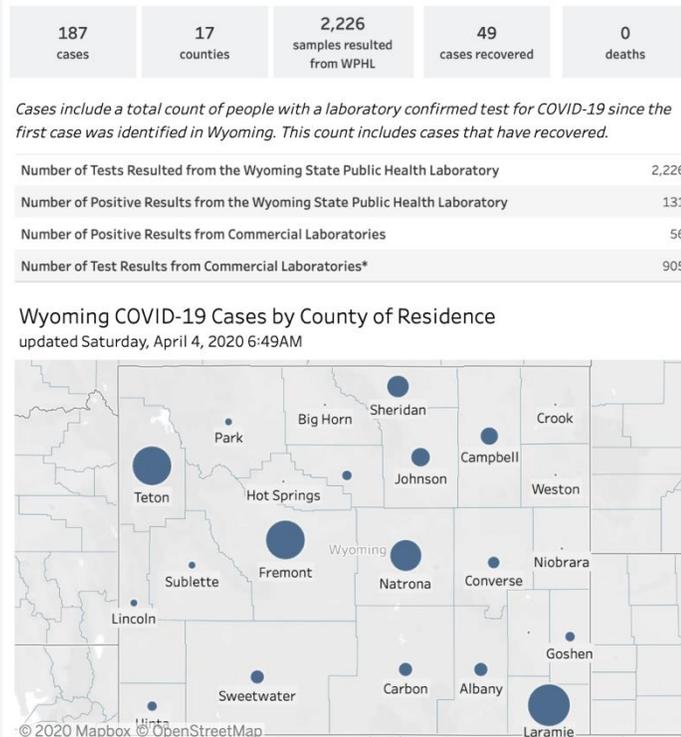
Respectfully,
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Medical Director, Shell Volunteer Fire Department & EMS
Medical Director, Big Horn County Search & Rescue
Medical Director, Antelope Butte Mountain Recreation Area & Ski Patrol

For Sources of Information on COVID-19:

1. Big Horn County Public Health Website:
<https://www.bighorncountyywy.gov>
<https://www.bighorncountyywy.gov/departments/public-health>
2. Park County Public Health Coronavirus Information Line: 754-1870 or 527-1870 (**Updated regularly**). **Big Horn County may use this.**
3. Up to date announcements from Wyoming Department of Health as they are released Wyoming Department of Health
Website: <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus>.
4. CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>
5. Wyoming Department of Health State Orders:
<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-orders-and-guidance/>

COVID-19 Map and Statistics



6. [Rumor Control](#): This FEMA page is to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to COVID-19.