

April 7, 2020 "April DISTANCE brings May EXISTENCE"

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Big Horn County

COVID-19 Update/Response

### For Immediate Release

I and all the county leaders want to urge you to follow the President's and Governor's guidance. Everyone from Dr. Fauci to Dr. Harrist and myself agree that the only defense we have is distancing.

In the precautions we use in radiation safety, we have a defense called TDS - Time Distance and Shielding.

In keeping yourselves and our community safe from this harmful virus we can take a lesson from radiation safety.

Time – STAY HOME

Distance – SOCIAL DISTANCING

Shielding – WEAR A MASK

When taking an X-ray, we reduce the time we are exposed or have a potential exposure. We ask you to do the same by STAYING HOME. When taking an X-ray we also use distance and ask others to leave the room and the technician has a long cord that gives them distance before shooting the X-ray. We ask you to do the same by SOCIAL DISTANCING. When taking an X-ray we place lead over your susceptible body parts and the technician wears a lead apron or stands behind a screen. We ask you to do the same by WEARING A MASK to protect others.



According to a Natrona County Health official, the Wyoming Behavioral Institute has 10 cases of the novel coronavirus. The number of cases associated with the facility has more than doubled in short order; an official with WBI told the Star-Tribune on Wednesday [that the facility had four cases](#), three of which were adult patients and the fourth was a staff member. This increased to 10 cases confirmed Friday are five patients and five staff members.

There are positive cases showing up in all types of institutions and other facilities. This underscores how quickly it can spread among people who are not socially distanced.

This is the main reason we have taken additional precautions and imposed screening and visitor restrictions in our hospitals, nursing homes and correctional facilities. This is another example of how quickly the virus is spreading in our neighboring communities.

As of this morning, we have **216** cases in Wyoming which is significant in our remote state. We have **52** 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.

# COVID-19 Map and Statistics

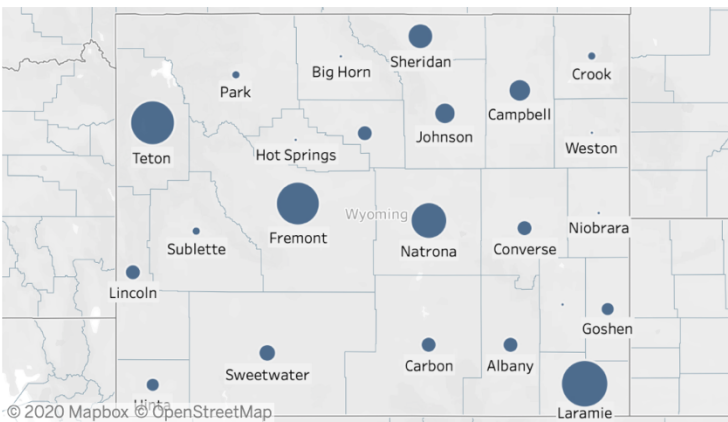
212 cases	17 counties	2,405 samples resulted from WPHL	52 cases recovered	0 deaths
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Cases include a total count of people with a laboratory confirmed test for COVID-19 since the first case was identified in Wyoming. This count includes cases that have recovered.

Number of Tests Resulted from the Wyoming State Public Health Lab	2,405
Number of Positive Results from the Wyoming State Public Health Lab	146
Number of Positive Results from Commercial Laboratories	66
Number of Test Results from Commercial Laboratories*	1,523



Wyoming COVID-19 Cases by County of Residence  
updated Monday, April 6, 2020 4:09PM



## 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

### 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  
 Do you have to ask? Wear a Mask  
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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 \(8255\)\*\*](tel: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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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/>
6. **Rumor Control:** This FEMA page is to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to COVID-19.