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SHERIDAN COUNTY MONITORING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

4:00 p.m. March 13, 2020 UPDATE

First and foremost, we encourage the community to continue to practice prevention measures as outlined by the CDC and Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) guidelines. We are all in this together.

In accordance with WDH guidelines it is recommended that elderly and vulnerable individuals avoid gatherings of 250 or more people.

As of this afternoon, President Trump and Governor Gordon have issued respective emergency declarations. These declarations mobilize additional resources that can be made available to local communities. As those resources become available and more information is provided, the public will be advised.

Sheridan County currently has one presumptive positive case of the COVID-19 virus. The patient and all known close contacts have been identified and contacted by the Wyoming Department of Health and are currently in self-isolation in their homes. As of this release, there are no other reported cases in Wyoming.

The public is encouraged to keep things in perspective and follow guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Wyoming Health Department, and/or their medical provider, regarding steps in dealing with this virus.

Follow these guidelines:

- Stay home if sick (but if you are concerned it may be more than just a cold, please consult your physician).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

The hospital has a **Dedicated Coronavirus (COVID-19) Phone Number 307-672-1004**. This line is strictly for those who have the following symptoms and think they may be infected with the virus. The symptoms to watch for are:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

Testing for COVID-19 is continuing locally, but available test kits are still limited.

We are asking that the public not overwhelm our healthcare professionals asking for tests if they are not at risk. For more information please contact Sheridan County Public Health, Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 307-672-5169, and follow the voice prompts.

Local links are listed here:

Sheridan Memorial Hospital: <https://www.sheridanhospital.org/>

Sheridan VA: <https://www.sheridan.va.gov/>

Sheridan College: <https://www.sheridan.edu/>

Sheridan School District 1: <https://www.sheridan.k12.wy.us/>

Sheridan School District 2: <https://scsd2.com/>

Sheridan School District 3: <https://www.sheridan3.com/>

Below, are CDC and state links to information and precautions:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/>