



Johnson County Emergency Operations Center
Immediate Press Release
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATES

Current Updates 3/24/20

NEW CLOSURES ORDERED TODAY. The Wyoming Department of Health has ordered the temporary closure of nail salons, hair salons, barber shops, massage parlors, tattoo/body art/piercing shops, and cosmetology electrology and esthetic services. This order is effective until April 3, 2020 unless revoked or extended.

WYOMING STATE HEALTH OFFICER DRIVERS' LICENSES. Executive Order 2020-4 provides a 90-day grace period to those whose driver licenses and ID cards expire between March 15, 2020 through June 1, 2020. It also suspends non-commercial driving tests for 90 days. Commercial tests will continue; applicants can expect the possibility of additional health-screening protocols at sites. The Buffalo Drivers' License office will allow up to 5 clients at one time.

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS. The Governor has announced that small businesses may begin applying for loans. For information, see the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Updates below.

REGIONAL DISTILLERIES. Regional Distilleries are manufacturing hand sanitizer which they will make available for COVID19 relief efforts. Community members should save empty pump bottles and dispensers for this project.

Prior Updates. Governor Mark Gordon on March 19, 2020, endorsed a decision by the Wyoming State Health Officer to close public places through April 3, 2020.

This order includes schools, theaters, bars, nightclubs, coffee shops, employee cafeterias, self-serve buffets, salad bars, unpackaged self-serve food services, gyms, conference rooms and museums. Restaurants may offer curbside take-out or drive-through food service. Childcare centers will be closed except for those serving essential personnel. **This order does not apply to places of public accommodation that offer food and beverage not for on premises consumption, including grocery stores, markets, retail stores that offer food, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries.**

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Johnson County Commissioners will hold a special meeting Thursday at 10:00 to vote on a resolution to close county buildings.

JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTHCARE CENTER UPDATES:

Current Updates 3/24/20

Patient Testing:

- Two patients were tested
- today. Results expected by Thursday.

- Telehealth Services: JCHC anticipates that Telehealth services will be available by Monday, 3/30/20
- Patient Surge Planning is in progress.

CDC Guidelines:

- JCHC **strongly** encourages the community to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Physicians believe that the virus is already in the community.

JCHC Foundation and Board Meeting

- JCHC Foundation and Board Meetings will take place via teleconference 3/25/20.

Prior Updates:

Patient Testing:

- Five patients have been tested as of 3/23/20. All five tests were negative.

Donations:

- JCHC is not accepting cloth masks at this time.
- JCHC is accepting donations of surgical masks, medical gloves, and N95 masks. Donations should be in original packaging; partial, opened packages are acceptable. Dropoff box location TBA.

Off Site Evaluation Center: (RVEC)

- Off-site Evaluation Center is currently in the planning phase.

Testing Kits

- JCHC has acquired more test kits. 75 test kits will be available by Friday.
- Current state testing facility provides results in two days.

Drug Protocols

- JCHC staff is reviewing data on new drug protocols and clinical trials daily.
- JCHC has secured a supply of azithromycin should that drug prove effective and chloroquine but recommends that patients with symptoms consult with JCHC.
- Available drugs will be used for treatment of patients in ICU and are not recommended for prophylaxis (preventative) self-care at this time.

CYBER SECURITY ALERT 3/24/20

Johnson County Residents be advised: Malicious cyber threat actors are using public interest in the novel 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) to facilitate scams, distribute malware, and send phishing emails. Avoid clicking on COVID19 links from unreliable sources.

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT OFFICE

Current Updates 3/24/20

The Clerk of District Court's Office is closed to foot traffic. For court proceedings call (307) 684-7271; for District Court Filings, file via USPS or FAX (307)684-5146; for more information on filing, call (307) 684-7271; for Child Support Payments mail via USPS or call (307) 684-7271. Passport applications will be processed by **APPOINTMENT**.

THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

Current Updates 3/24/20

The Emergency Operations Center Mental Health Unit has prepared an updated list of community mental health professionals. Contact the E.O.C. for further information.

THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

Current Updates 3/24/20

The Bread of Life Food Pantry will deliver food. Contact the E.O.C. for further information.

NORTHERN WYOMING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER UPDATES:

Current Updates 3/24/20

Northern Wyoming Mental Health remains open via telehealth services, but will limit face-to-face appointments through 4/3/2020; those in crisis situations may still request in-house services.

All NWMH clinical staff have joined Wyoming Telehealth Network and have established HIPAA-compliant Zoom accounts.

NWMH is connecting clients with virtual recovery services such as on-line AA/NA meetings.

SENIOR CENTER UPDATES:

Current Updates 3/24/20

The Buffalo Senior Center and Buffalo Area Transportation System are offering a grocery pick-up service from DJ's Thriftway for people over 60. There are three simple steps: 1)Call the Buffalo Senior Center (684-9551) to find out bus times; 2) Place order at DJs (684-2518) and notify DJs that a BATS driver will transport; 3)When DJs calls back with the dollar amount, pay with a credit card or prepare a check for DJs which BATS driver will deliver. Check and receipt will be returned. No cash will be accepted.

Prior updates:

The Kaycee Senior Meal Site remains closed. Individuals over 60 may request meal delivery by calling the County Inn Cafe at (307) 738-2291.

The BATS Bus is still operating: Sunday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm and Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. All riders will be screened. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you will be required to wear a mask. In-Home Services will serve high risk patients only.

BUFFALO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATES:

The Chamber Office is currently closed. The Chamber will send e-blasts with resources for employers and employees as they work to combat the Coronavirus. It will include information

from the CDC, the State, and the US Chamber. Local businesses may send information regarding your new policies to info@buffalowyo.com. The Chamber will share your information.

The Governor has announced that small businesses impacted by COVID19 may now apply for loans. Contact your SBDC regional director at <https://www.wyomingsbdc.org/>

The SBDC website also has COVID-19 small business resources. Wyoming Business Council regional directors can help businesses navigate assistance needs and options. Contact information can be found at <https://wyomingbusiness.org/contactus>.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE UPDATES:

No Updates 3/24/20

Prior Updates:

The Clerk's Office will restrict access to one individual at a time. Necessary documents can be previewed via email, but original documents are still required on site.

WYOMING HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATES:

No Updates 3/24/20

Prior Updates:

The Wyoming Highway Patrol has no plans at this time to cut off access to state roads.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The EOC would like to thank all the community volunteers and people donating items to agencies such as the Bread of Life Food Pantry, Friends Feeding Friends, and People Helping People. Thank you to the YMCA for sending workers to help the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

EOC releases will be published daily as needed.

For the most current information, please visit www.johnsoncountywyoming.org/covid-19.

There has been a COVID-19 response email set up for Johnson County:

jcwycovid19eoc@gmail.com.

For further questions, contact the Johnson County Emergency Operations Center: **307-425-6560**