



Johnson County Emergency Operations Center  
Immediate Press Release  
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### **Current Updates 3/27/20**

#### **JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

As of this evening, 4 positive cases of COVID-19 in Johnson County have been confirmed.

- The Wyoming Department of Health conducts investigations into the positive cases and conducts all contact tracing investigations.
- Individuals who were known to be in contact with those who have a confirmed case of COVID19 will be contacted by the Wyoming Department of Health within a few days.
- As a reminder, all persons should assume that they have COVID19 and follow the social distancing guidelines. Many people have mild illness from COVID19 and could spread the virus in our community.
- The EOC reminds all citizens that social distancing should be followed at all times, even out of doors. The CDC recommends a distance of six feet or greater to prevent the virus from spreading to unaffected individuals. The virus can survive on surfaces for multiple days. Everyone could be a potential carrier.
- The Emergency Operations Center will be closed over the weekend. We can be reached via phone (**307-425-6560**) or email ( [jcwycovid19eoc@gmail.com](mailto:jcwycovid19eoc@gmail.com)).

For more information, the CDC has a great section on the contact risk:

<https://www.cdc.gov/corona.../2019-ncov/.../risk-assessment.html>.

#### **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon urged Wyomingites to stay home whenever possible.

Voluntary public actions could alleviate the need to implement more stringent measures. To that effect, the Wyoming Department of Health is continuing the current Statewide Orders.

#### **Until April 17, 2020, The Wyoming Department of Health proclaims:**

- the closure of bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, child care facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools (Wyoming State Health Order #1)
- the cessation of gatherings over 10 (Wyoming State Health Order #2)

- the closure of nail salons, hair salons, massage parlors, tattoo, body art, and piercing shops, cosmetology, electrology, and esthetic services(Wyoming State Health Order #3)

## **JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Superintendent Jim Wagner announced that JCSD#1 will follow Wyoming Department of Health Guidelines. Students will continue on-line school until at least April 17.

## **JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTHCARE CENTER**

### **WYOMING COVID-19 STATUS**

- Wyoming has 70 confirmed cases, a significant uptick in the last 24 hours.

### **Patient Care**

- Johnson County has four confirmed cases of COVID-19. Results of a fifth test are pending.

### **COVID Evaluation Center**

- JCHC has established a *COVID Evaluation Center* with the capability to evaluate patients with respiratory symptoms in an isolated part of the hospital. Patients who wish to access the *COVID Evaluation Center* must call (307) 684-2228 in advance to undergo a phone screening with a nurse prior to arriving.
- The *COVID Evaluation Center* will operate beginning March 30, Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM.

### **Clinic Appointments**

- Clinic Patients can call 684-2228 from their vehicle, to avoid sitting in the waiting room. If you do not have a cell phone, call before you leave home.

### **Supplies**

- JCHC collaborated with Sheridan Memorial Hospital and Campbell County Health on a joint supply order for mass quantities of N95 masks, procedure masks, isolation gowns, and gloves. The delivery date is not confirmed yet.

### **Telehealth Options**

- Beginning Monday, March 30, JCHC's clinic will offer telehealth services (basic primary care visits, consultations, and wellness checks). Patients are encouraged to access the ***Follow My Health*** portal on the front page of the JCHC website, or go to <https://jchealthcare.followmyhealth.com/> and complete the online form. Then call the Family Medical Center to set up the appointment. 684-2228

## **BUFFALO URGENT CARE**

### **Telehealth Options**

- o Buffalo Urgent Care offers Telemedicine visits. Please phone 307-620-9623 to make an appointment.

### **Prior Updates**

**(Due to the Increased Number of Updates, the EOC Press Release will carry items for two releases only.)**

## **JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**The Johnson County Commissioners** resolved to reduce access to county facilities in the following ways:

- o **The Historic Courthouse** is closed to all nonessential public traffic..Business can be conducted via mail, phone, online applications, or a dropbox that has been installed in the parking lot... The west parking lot entrance remains open for essential visits only. Only one person will be admitted at a time.
- o **The Johnson County Judicial Center** is closed to the public. To arrange essential visits, contact the respective Clerks of Court or the County Attorney's office via phone.. A drop box for documents and payments is being installed.
- o **The Johnson County Sheriff's Office** has reduced services as follows:
  - Applications for Concealed Carry Permits will not be accepted. Please call for information about other services.
  - Notary services are available Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, from the Sheriff's Office only.
  - Contact visits between inmates and non-essential personnel have been suspended.
  - AA, Church, and Ministerial visits will be conducted via video.
  - Mental Health Counselors and Attorneys are permitted via visitation booths, video, and phone conferencing.
  - Fingerprinting has been suspended.
  - Tours have been suspended.

The following public areas and/or buildings are closed to the public:

- The Johnson County Planning Office
- Harold Jarrard Park
- The Johnson County Fairgrounds
- The Administrative Office of Road and Bridge
- The Johnson County Extension Office
- The Jim Gatchell Museum building. Call or visit via social media.
- The Johnson County Library, Buffalo and Kaycee branches. Call or visit via social media.
- The Recycling Center
- Bomber Mountain Civic Center

### **SENIOR CENTER**

- The Buffalo Area Transportation System will be suspending all non-essential bus rides. We will provide transportation only for those who have medical appointments. Riders will be screened. Grocery store and Food Pantry pickups will continue. Prescription Drug pickup available on a case-by-case basis. For more information please call 307-684-9551.
- Kaycee residents over 60 may request meal delivery by calling the County Inn Cafe at (307) 738-2291.

### **JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTHCARE CENTER**

#### **Community Volunteers Needed**

JCHC is looking for people who can sew protective gowns and for people who can create a face shield for our employees. Please go to JCHC's website at [www.jchealthcare.com](http://www.jchealthcare.com) for instructions on how you can help.

#### **Blood Drive**

Healthy people are strongly encouraged to donate blood during this time due to the growing blood supply shortage across the country. A blood drive will occur on April 20 from 12:30 – 6:00pm at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Contact [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) for information and to make an appointment.

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EOC releases will be published daily as needed.

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

For the most current information, please visit [www.johnsoncountywyoming.org/covid-19](http://www.johnsoncountywyoming.org/covid-19).

A COVID-19 response email has been set up for Johnson County: [jcwyocovid19eoc@gmail.com](mailto:jcwyocovid19eoc@gmail.com).