

Johnson County Emergency Management
Media Release
March 16, 2020

- Under direction of the Johnson County Health Officer, county stakeholders are meeting in response to COVID-19, also known as the Corona virus.
- Currently there are (3) three confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 0 deaths in Wyoming.
- Our local clinics currently have limited testing capability for COVID-19. Limited testing capability is due to limited number of test kits on hand and processing time.
- Most who contract COVID-19 will have mild symptoms and should remain at home. Symptoms are;
 - Mild symptoms are; cough and fever under 100.4
 - Mild to severe symptoms are; fever over 100.4 with shortness of breath, and cough
 - Please **CALL** your healthcare provider for guidance.
- Testing will be reserved for those with severe symptoms and are expected to be hospitalized. General population testing may begin after enough test kits arrive.
- Many facilities in Johnson County that service the older population, such as the Senior Center and Amie Holt Care Center, are implementing practices to help keep the high-risk population safe.
- Based on Governor Gordon and State Superintendent Balow's recommendation, Johnson County School District will close March 16- April 3, 2020. More information will be coming on this fluid situation. Boys and Girls Club, Learning Tree Christian School, Buffalo Christian Academy, and Headstart will follow the closure.
- Experts believe COVID-19 spreads mostly between people who are in close contact and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People are thought to be most contagious when they are most ill with obvious symptoms. A person may also get COVID-19 by touching a surface that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes.
- Recommended steps that can help avoid the spread of COVID-19 or similar illness include:
 - Avoid close contact with sick people.
 - While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.
 - Stay home if sick.
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60 percent alcohol.

EOC releases will be published daily at 10:00am and as needed.

For the most current information, please visit www.johnsoncountyywoming.org/covid-19. There has been a COVID-19 response email set up for Johnson County; jcwycovid19eoc@gmail.com For further questions, please contact the Johnson County Emergency Operations Center at **307-425-6560**.