



Johnson County Emergency Operations Center
Immediate Press Release
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Current Updates 3/31/20

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Wyoming Department of Health will be posting updates at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on their COVID-19 page. Follow the link below for the latest statistics related to Wyoming's COVID-19 cases and other WDOH announcements.

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

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COVID-19 Status

- Wyoming has 109 confirmed cases. This figure includes recovered cases. Johnson County has 7 confirmed cases; all patients are self-isolated at home.

Medical Liaison

- Dr. Dozier Tabb reported on the following:
 - Drug trials of two drugs, hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin, are on-going in the US. Results have not yet been determined.
 - According to recent figures quoted by infectious disease specialist Dr. Fauci, the death rate of COVID 19 is currently at 1 % in the U.S. This rate is ten times more than the influenza death rate.
 - The recent White House briefing anticipates that the virus may peak in mid-April.
 - The CDC recommends a bleach solution of 4 tsp/quart of water to combat the virus on surfaces.

- Tests are limited. Top 3 Suggested Testing Priorities are as follows:

Priority #1: Sick inpatients; healthcare workers with symptoms

Priority #2: Individuals over 65 with symptoms; Individuals in long-term care; individuals with chronic co-morbidity (other health issues) such as diabetes, obesity, lung problems, etc.

Priority #3: healthcare workers; first responders; critical infrastructure workers with symptoms

Community Concerns

The Skate Park has been closed until further notice to support our community-wide efforts to maintain appropriate social distance.

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

The Bread of Life Food Pantry will be open the first Saturday of the month (April 4th) from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. The pantry is also open Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP

The Community Resilience Group leader Shann Edwards encourages those with mortgage questions to contact their lending institution first and then contact the Family Crisis Center. Contact the Family Crisis Center for assistance with rental and utilities concerns: 307-684-2233.

Prior Updates

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

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Medical Supplies

- The Johnson County Emergency Operations Center is currently overseeing the order and reception of a number of vital medical supplies from a variety of sources including the National Stockpile.

Community Concerns

- The Johnson County Emergency Operations Center reminds the community that vital businesses such as grocery stores and pharmacies are subject to shortages brought about by this epidemic. Please be patient as our businesses also experience unexpected stresses during this unprecedented experience.

JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTHCARE CENTER

Patient Care

- JCHC opened a COVID Evaluation Center with the capability to evaluate patients from their vehicle or in an isolated part of the hospital. Patients should call (307) 684-2228 in advance to be screened prior to arriving. Based on the screening, patients will be directed to the most appropriate care setting. This is critical to protect the community at large and the healthcare team (so JCHC has enough labor resources to care for high-acuity patients in the future).

Community Donations Needed

- **JCHC** needs additional oxygen concentrators for its Alternate Care Site. Please call Julia Bettinger at 307-760-8909 if you have one to lend or donate.
- **JCHC** is looking for people who can sew protective gowns and or create face shields for our employees. Instructions available at www.jchealthcare.com.
- **JCHC** encourages healthy people to contact www.bloodhero.com to donate blood on April 20 from 12:30 - 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds.

BUFFALO SENIOR CENTER

The Buffalo Senior Center will remain closed for the month of April. The BATS bus has cancelled all rides except for medical appointments. For more information call 684-9551.

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Johnson County School District #1 sent an email with an on-line school schedule. The schedule will begin Monday, April 6 and continue until at least April 17.

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.johnsoncountyywoming.org/covid-19.

A COVID-19 response email has been set up for Johnson County: jcwycovid19eoc@gmail.com.