



Johnson County Emergency Operations Center
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COVID-19 Numbers Still On The Rise

As of 10:00am today, October 27, 2020, the Wyoming Department of Health reports 41 active cases of COVID-19 in Johnson County. From the start of the pandemic to date, there have been 73 lab confirmed cases, along with 25 probable cases in Johnson County. Probable cases are those that become sick while on quarantine, and are assumed a probable case with no lab confirmed test. There are currently 105 patients hospitalized in Wyoming hospitals, and no COVID-19 hospitalizations in Johnson County.

As COVID-19 cases continue to increase, we wanted to take an opportunity and remind the community of a few important aspects of preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Remember the differences between Isolation and Quarantine:

Isolation keeps someone who is positive with the virus away from others, even in their home. A person who is infected with COVID19 should stay to their own room, and own bathroom facilities if possible, wearing a mask in the home, and staying 6 feet away from the family.

Quarantine keeps someone who has been exposed to the virus away from others. This is for those known as "close contacts", being within 6 feet of someone positive for COVID-19, for 15 minutes or more cumulatively. This means staying home and only leaving for medical emergencies.

See the link below to more information on Isolation and Quarantine from the CDC.
<https://www.cdc.gov/.../if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

If you become sick, or start showing *any* symptoms of COVID-19 while on quarantine, please call your primary care provider or local testing center for testing. While waiting for the results, please start to isolate from any other members of the home, who may be on quarantine. Symptoms include: fever, body aches, fatigue, congestion, sore throat, shortness of breath, nausea, stomach pains, headache, and loss of smell.

If you are tested for COVID-19, you can be proactive by starting to recall who all you had been in contact with (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer) for 48 hours prior to symptoms or the test. While you are waiting for test results, please self-quarantine. If you receive a positive result, you can alert your close contacts, as it could take 1-2 days for a contact tracer to reach you. Please answer or return these calls from the contact tracing team, as it will speed up the process and help prevent further spread of COVID-19.

Johnson County School District #1 will be releasing any information pertaining to positive cases of staff or students. This will be done in a manner to protect the positive case's identity. JCSD#1 is working closely with Johnson County Public Health, and the Incident Management Team. Please see their website, jcsd1.us and click on COVID-19 for more information.

We are all in this together and we know it has been fatiguing. If we continue to do our part as a community to protect others, we can continue to live our lives as close to normal as we can.

Johnson County Public Health is asking residents and businesses to please continue to be vigilant by practicing all appropriate hand hygiene, distancing recommendations of 6 feet, and utilizing face coverings when you are unable to distance.

For the most up to date numbers of COVID-19 cases, please visit health.wyo.gov and click on COVID-19.

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**.