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DAILY COVID-19 BRIEFING

1. There are currently **216** reported cases of Covid 19 in the state of Wyoming at this time. **This is an increase of 6 from yesterday.** They are in Albany (4, 1 recovered), Campbell (9, 2 recovered), Carbon (4, 3 recovered), Converse (4), Crook, (1), Fremont (38, 6 recovered), Goshen (3), Johnson (8, 7 recovered), Laramie (47, 13 recovered), Lincoln (4), Natrona (26, 6 recovered), Park (1, 1 recovered), Sheridan (12, 5 recovered), Sublette (1, 1 recovered), Sweetwater (5, 2 recovered), Teton (41, 13 recovered), Uinta (3, 2 recovered), and Washakie (5) County. **This is as of 2:42 pm today according to the Wyoming Department of Health website.** There is a case in Meade County, SD now as well. This is a healthcare worker at Monument in Rapid City. This worked infected over 100 people including healthcare workers and patients. There is one (1) case in Crook County. State information, including the Department of Health and CDC can be found in the Wyoming information sharing platform:

<https://wohs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=42fd398fa8f449fb930f2d3755c5a1bb>

2. Public Health has increased their emergency operations center to a level 4 (widespread transmission in US states excluding WY, may include limited transmission in WY) out of 5 according to their Pandemic Influenza Plan.

3. Crook County has closed any county facility to foot traffic. Regular business will continue. The public is asked to call the office needed to conduct business ahead of time for direction on the transaction. A new resolution was adopted yesterday that the courthouse will not allow any public in the facility or other county buildings. If a contractor is needed for repairs, they will be screened by public health before being allowed to enter and make repairs.

4. Crook County School District is closed through April 17, to reopen on April 20th at this time. They are providing meals and homework.

5. Vilas Pharmacy is asking customers to call ahead of time, they will shop for you, and meet you at the door. Call 283-3883. Many businesses are closed to foot

traffic, including Sundance City Hall, Sundance State Bank, Moorcroft City Hall, and the Hulett community gym is closed. Crook County Senior Services and Centers are closed but are still providing meals on wheels. North Wyoming Mental Health is seeing clients via skype from home, but the lobby is open to those in mental distress. Pine Haven Town Hall is now closed to foot traffic but still doing business. Hulett Town Hall has closed to foot traffic but still open for business.

6. Crook County Medical Services District now has telehealth up and running, you can speak with a provider about Coronavirus symptoms or exposure to a positive tested person at 307-283-3501 ext. 0. **NO** visitors to long term care. **NO** visitors to the hospital until further notice. If someone is taken to the Emergency Room, no one will be allowed back with the patient unless approved by the attending physician on a case by case basis. Message from CCMSD: The staff is working hard at the hospital to have measures in place to best protect everyone that we see. We are asking everyone who comes in for a clinic visit or the ER to wear a mask and be screened. Staff is wearing a mask at all times while in the building.

We are getting a ton of community support and everyone at the hospital greatly appreciates everything that is being done to help us.

We are still accepting cloth masks. We are also looking for someone to make our nursing staff surgical caps to help protect them. 283-3501 ext 254 if anyone wants to help with this.

7. We will disseminate information on the new Facebook page dedicated solely to Coronavirus: Crook County Corona Virus Information. If you have any information about your office or place of business, please email me and I will post this on the page. <https://www.facebook.com/Crook-County-Corona-Virus-Information-103640684608715/> If a business would like us to publish call ahead orders, etc. please have them send the info to me and we will get that out as soon as possible. We want our small businesses to continue to have good support through the next weeks.

8. Current recommendations from the State and White House are limiting gatherings of people to 10 or less. https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf The White House is extending the social distancing recommendations until April 30; however, Wyoming state orders stand until April 17.

9. The State Health Officer sent out a Statewide Public Health Order Closing Bars, Restaurants, Theaters, Gymnasiums, Child Care Facilities, K-12 Schools, Colleges, Universities and Trade Schools Statewide. This is an effort to stop the spread of the Coronavirus in Wyoming. The Wyoming Department of Health finds it necessary to protect the health of the public by implementing emergency measures to places of gathering. This does not mean you cannot order food for pickup, just stay out of the dining rooms to practice the physical distancing protocols. Please call any business you wish to do business with and ask how they are handling customers. Many places are offering personal shopping and will meet you at the door with your order. The Public Health office will field any calls or concerns regarding these orders. The County Attorney, Sheriff's Office and Public health have worked together to disseminate the orders and clarifications to businesses. The State Health Officer has extended these orders until April 17. These orders include nail salons, hair salons, barber shops, massage parlors, tattoo, body art and piercing shops, cosmetology, electrology and esthetic services, and the continuation of the orders forbidding gatherings of 10 people or more.

10. Crook County Senior Services has suspended any gatherings. They are still providing meals on wheels or curbside pickup. They are still offering transportation services unless someone is ill. They are sanitizing the vehicles after transport. They have gotten donations of milk and toilet paper from the public, and are offering assistance on a case by case basis. They are also contacting grocery stores to open only to seniors for an hour before opening to the public.

11. We understand there are many questions regarding the Orders sent from the state last week regarding churches, etc. We are working on getting more clarification from the state on the grey issues.

12. We have sent this message out on our Facebook corona page: If you have traveled out of state or into a Wyoming county (Fremont, Teton, Laramie, Campbell, Sheridan, Carbon, Park, Johnson, Albany, Sweetwater or Natrona) with a confirmed Covid 19 case within the last two weeks, could you be kind enough to let us know here at public health? We are tracking where people have been so we can continue to monitor our county's safety. Thank you for your help!! 283-1142 or private message us.

13. If your office has a Continuity of Operations Plan (aka Continuity of Government), please send it to edr@crookcounty.wy.gov. Thank you to those of you who have shared your plans with us. Keep sending them in!

14. It seems a lot of the community wants to help right now. It was brought up that maybe CCMSD should have a competition for bird houses for our residents. This

would allow community members to feel like they are helping and give the residents the ability to bird watch better. Depending on how many we get, we will donate what we can't use to assisted living and the senior center. People are wanting to donate cloth masks; Charity will coordinate this. Charity.lindholm@ccmsd.net or 307-283-3501 ext 254

15. Public health is not accepting walk in appointments. People need to call ahead to set an appointment. If you are not EOC staff, we ask you don't enter the EOC. Thank you.

16. The White House Task force is asking people who leave New York to self-quarantine for 14 days as more than 25,000 people have tested positive there. The 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics have been postponed until Summer 2021. The Indianapolis 500 has been postponed until August 23.

17. We are starting to see many more out of state license plates coming through the county. Please, take the time to clean properly and protect yourself as these visitors come through. They still deserve our hospitality and kindness!

18. Tests completed at the Wyoming State Lab: **2,481**

CDC Lab: 1

Commercial Testing Labs: 1523 (only required to report positive cases, not negative)

Total cases in Wyoming: **216**

Total cases recovered: **62** (According to the Wyoming Department of Health: A case is defined as recovered when there is a resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvements in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) AND at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

19. Devils Tower National Monument is closed to the public until further notice. This decision was not made lightly. This is to prevent community spread of Covid 19 between locals, tourists and park employees.

20. The USFS has closed the campgrounds in the Black Hills. This includes Reuter, Sundance and Bearlodge campgrounds. Restrooms are closed. Hiking trails are open, and you can walk in the campgrounds, but you are asked to practice social distancing. The office is open but closed to foot traffic. Please call 283-1361 with questions.

21. We have a dedicated email now. Send your coronavirus questions to covidquestions@crookcounty.wy.gov. This is monitored but responses may not be immediate. We do have a coronavirus dedicated line in the PH office, 283-1142 extension 4.

22. Feeling sick? What should you do? https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM23796

23. The United States is now the leading country in the world for positive cases with **383,256** cases as of 2:43 pm **April 7**. There are **1,407,123** cases in the world.

24. CCMSD is conducting tests, and we have one positive case in the county at this time.

25. The CDC is urging residents from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days due to extensive community transmission effective March 28.

26. Coronavirus myths? Check here.... <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

27. Questions regarding driver's license renewals? <http://www.dot.state.wy.us/COVID-19>

28. First Lady Gordon has launched the Wyoming Hunger Initiative. You can click on your county and find the resources available there.
<https://www.nohungerwyo.org/covid>

29. Were you at Saloon #10 in Deadwood between March 18-21? You were potentially exposed to coronavirus. If you were, please monitor your symptoms, call CCMSD if symptoms present and stay home.
https://www.newscenter1.tv/confirmed-two-positive-cases-of-covid-19-in-lawrence-county/?fbclid=IwAR3PvLVc4ZEcn_mUCYk8SaxiaS9-GHfFvVyESB-6m2opVh5iHT1ZJ3RDqMw

30. We posted this on Facebook: We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist someone who may be quarantined or isolated at home in the future due to the coronavirus! We are taking names and numbers of people in all Crook County communities who would be able to pick up and delivery groceries or supplies and deliver them to the person's doorstep. Call us at 283-1142 ex. 4 and ask for Peggy to get more information and your name on the list! Thank you - we will all get through this together as a team! **We will give the person this information for them to coordinate the efforts. This is a resource building effort to assist a possible quarantine. We will not ever share the medical information about a patient. This will be up to them to contact a potential volunteer for assistance in deliveries.**

31. This is the link to the South Dakota Department of Health Coronavirus page. There are 320 cases in SD. There are currently 9 active cases in Lawrence County (Spearfish/Deadwood), 1 in Meade County (Sturgis) and 6 in Pennington County (Rapid City). Please use extreme caution if you absolutely must go to their state. <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx>

32. Wyoming State Parks have suspended overnight camping until further notice. Campers currently at Keyhole State Park have until April 2 to remove their camper. (307-756-3596 for questions regarding Keyhole Campers) The state parks are open for day use only. Fees still apply. State Historic sites are closed. Please see <https://wyoparks.wyo.gov/> for more information. Practice safe social distancing if you go to a park!

33. Another good site for information is: <https://covid19.wyo.gov/>

34. Campbell County Public Health is monitoring 150 possible positive cases. https://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/post/campbell-county-monitoring-150-possible-positive-covid-19-cases?fbclid=IwAR3vTuY5v2_v3AyWvE2sglIvBhqaKjOI_ERY-zL2-EiQ-4OiWthmqtwTgO8#stream/0

35. Wyoming is now the only state without any reported deaths. https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/wyoming-is-now-the-only-state-without-a-coronavirus-death/ar-BB1216tE?li=BBnb7Kz&fbclid=IwAR0QRmhBfvZ5SyFkNfBIGWdi2K9Dh6O7o0cu45wOYG2eD91fOWQd4n_Q7U

36. Be aware that there are many scams and cyberattacks starting to circulate, please protect your sensitive information. Back up your computers, don't respond to phone calls, emails and texts.

37. 30 days to slow the spread! https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

38. The City of Spearfish has issued ordinances similar to those in Wyoming. (dining rooms closed, curbside delivery and take out, gyms, recreation facilities, theaters closed, etc.) Please educate yourself before traveling there. There are currently 6 positive cases in Lawrence County.

https://www.cityofspearfish.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=74&fbclid=IwAR3r40NhKCz9hO_7kOPcxB72Kq0eaoVDSqDOw0vUQOYrZwF7YFgnq3KdjinI

39. Wyoming Courts have extended previous orders to May 31.

<https://www.courts.state.wy.us/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

40. Seen on Facebook: Message from Hulett EMS:

We are seeing more symptomatic people in our community. There are allergies, and other respiratory ailments moving in our area. The problem is that we cannot discern these from COVID-19 without testing which is in short supply. This is why we need to stay home. We CANNOT infect other people.

Please keep your family at home. Those with children that are out of school or college need to impress on the young ones that this is not a spring break. There is a high degree of transmission in this country of COVID-19 due to the kids hanging out together, partying, etc. This is NOT safe. It is causing problems.

Please, please, stay at home! Do not report for work if you're symptomatic. Call your doctor or the COVID-19 hotline for screening.

HELP US HELP YOU!

41. Effective April 1, 2020, WYDOT will not downgrade Commercial Driver Licenses to non-commercial licenses until June 30, 2020 for those drivers that are unable to obtain a DOT Medical Certificate due to the current COVID-19 situation. This is in line with the timeline that FMCSA has outlined in its Emergency waiver issued on March 24, 2020. In this waiver, FMCSA has waived the requirement under 49 CFR 391.45 that CDL holders, CLP holders, and non-CDL drivers have a medical examination and certification, provided that they have proof of a valid medical certification that was issued for a period of 90 days or longer and that expired on or after March 1, 2020. Unless otherwise extended, WYDOT will downgrade any driver that has not submitted an updated DOT card by June 30, 2020. For further information, please WYDOT Driver Services at (307) 777-4800.

42. How to disinfect your facility if someone is sick:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/disinfecting-building-facility.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM24835

43. Menards is no longer allowing children under the age of 16 or pets in their stores:
<https://www.kotatv.com/content/news/Menards-bans-children-pets-in-stores-due-to-COVID-19-outbreak-569322791.html?fbclid=IwAR3dmDxjVliKgU3J6J57Y7fALIC65KloadNAtS7a-PGtsgZKWwVSEukRCDQ>

44. The original state orders have now been extended through April 30. We are extending the three statewide orders currently in place through April 30, 2020. Please find the orders attached and share this information with your stakeholders. A public release, including media, will go out at 1:30PM, and the Governor will hold a press conference at 3PM.

There is a change to Statewide Order #1. Restaurants can now offer only delivery service, window service, curbside delivery, drive-through service, or drive-up service. Patrons can no longer enter the restaurants to pick up food.

45. STATEWIDE DIRECTIVE FOR INDIVIDUALS ARRIVING IN WYOMING FROM ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY TO SELF-QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS - THEREFORE, I, Governor Mark Gordon, do hereby direct the following

measures to be immediately in place for the State of Wyoming:

1. Any individual coming or returning to Wyoming from another state or country for a non work-related purpose must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days.
 2. If an individual will be present in Wyoming for fewer than 14 days, that individual must self-quarantine for the duration of the visit.
 3. Any individual who has already arrived in Wyoming from another state or country for a non-work related purpose before the date of this Directive must immediately self quarantine for the remainder of a 14-day period, beginning on the date of their arrival in Wyoming, or until their departure from Wyoming - whichever is sooner.
 4. Persons or entities listing hotels, rental properties, or other short-term rentals in Wyoming - including by way of example but not limited to, listings on such services as Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway, and related services - must include notice of the mandatory quarantine for travelers from another state or country in the listing or on their website and at the place of accommodation.
 5. These quarantine restrictions shall apply to Wyoming residents and non-residents.
 6. These quarantine restrictions do not apply to individuals traveling through Wyoming en route to another destination, volunteers responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, citizens returning from obtaining medically necessary healthcare services outside Wyoming and parents transporting minor children for custodial purposes.
 7. In addition to these restrictions, individuals required to self-quarantine under this Directive shall also comply with the requirements of all other Executive Orders, Statewide Public Health Orders, and County Public Health Orders.
 8. This Directive is in effect statewide in Wyoming. In the interest of uniformity of laws and to prevent the spread of disease, all inconsistent County Public Health Orders are preempted by this Directive to the extent the County Public Health Order is less restrictive.
- This Directive is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of Wyoming, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

46. Crook County received notification of its first positive coronavirus case on Saturday, April 3. The individual is in isolation and recovering at home and is being monitored for changing health conditions. PLEASE assume that the coronavirus is everywhere. Protect yourself!

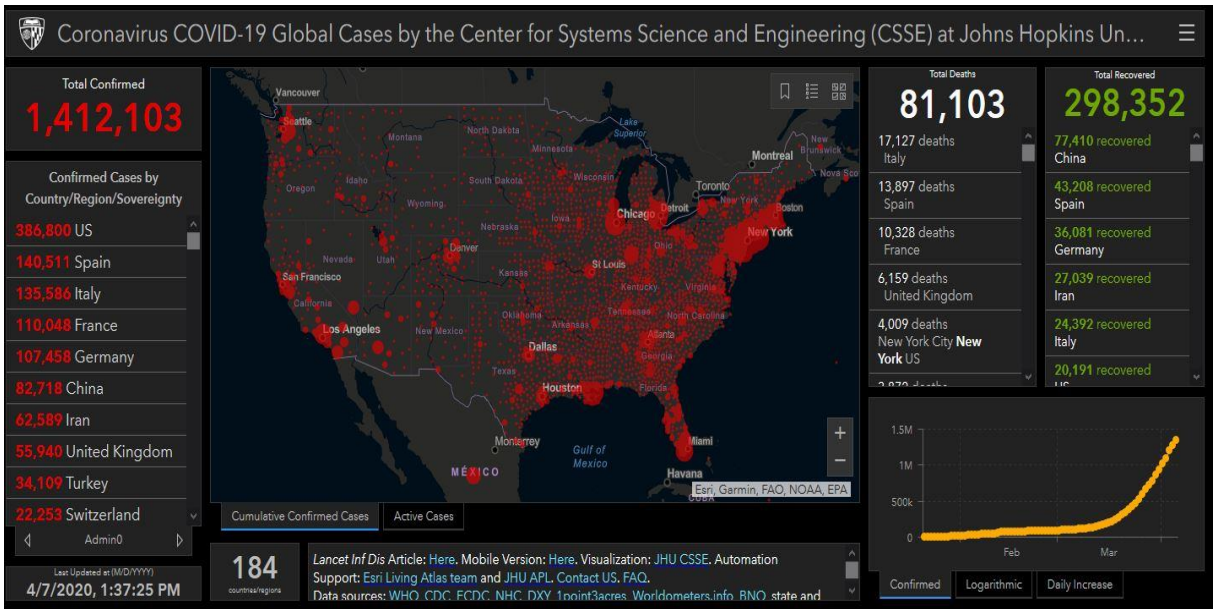
47. The CDC is recommending wearing cloth face covers when out in the public, especially in areas of significant community transmission.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

48. CCMSD is taking donations of homemade cloths masks. They are also in need of homemade surgical caps. Donations need to be marked attention Charity. Call 283-3501 ext. 254 with questions.

49. A message from our County Health Officer Dr. Larsen:

We are strongly encouraging everyone to shelter at home and follow the social distance and isolation guidelines. There should be NO non-essential travel. (Shopping, camping, tailgating, etc) If you can, please work from home. If you are sick PLEASE stay home! Please call public health at 283-1142 ext. 4 or CCMSD at 283-3501 ext. 0.



Respectfully,

Melanie Wilmer, PIO