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CRAWFORD COUNTY COVID-19 POSITIVES IS AT 16

County Actively Supporting Pandemic Response and Keeping Government Operating

MEADVILLE, PA – The number of Crawford County residents testing positive for the COVID-19 virus is at 16. Crawford County Commissioners and County Departments/Elected Officials have been working non-stop during the pandemic with local, State, and Federal agencies.

The Crawford County's Emergency Operations Center has been activated with staff from the Department of Public Safety for 31 days. They attend and host daily and weekly webinars with local, County and State key stakeholders to determine the scope of the pandemic in Crawford County, the current planning and preparedness actions taken to address the pandemic and any unmet needs that can be located. Daily situational reports and news releases are reviewed by the Commissioners and sent to the key stakeholders and the media. What little personal protective clothing that has been received from the Strategic National Stockpile to Crawford County, has been allocated to emergency medical services and other public safety agencies as available. The Operations Center works hard to provide credible information, dispute rumors and assist local first responders, hospitals, health care facilities and many other agencies through coordination, communication and cooperation. The County helps and supports our first responders and healthcare professionals who are on the frontline of this virus as much as it can and then reaches to the State and Federal government for assistance with unmet needs.

The County Commissioners continue to look very closely at supporting the furloughed County employees and how to maintain County government with limited funding and employees. Commissioners are reviewing plans on how to open up County government operations when the Governor advises non-life sustaining facilities to re-open. The safety of our employees and the residents of Crawford County is paramount during and after this pandemic. This includes any retrofitting of offices to provide protection, purchasing personal protective equipment and supplies. Commissioners are applying to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding for the expenses the County has obligated during this pandemic. All Department Heads/Elected Officials continue to work hard to ensure their key government functions are operational and the public is able to access what they need safely and remotely. County Commissioners are communicating with the County residents through a telephone number for those who do not have access to the internet and news media for information, and the news releases are posted daily to the County's website. All Department Heads/Elected

Officials are working tirelessly to support those County operations that they oversee to meet the needs of the County residents.

Other operations the County Commissioners and Department Heads/Elected Officials have taken are to close visitation at both the Crawford County Care Center and the Crawford County Correctional Facility and taking the necessary CDC recommendations to ensure their facilities and employees are safe.

The County Election Board has been very busy working with all the voting sites, poll workers and others to make sure the June 2nd rescheduled elections run smoothly. Commissioners are also waiting to see if the Pennsylvania Legislature passes a bill allowing counties to adjust real estate tax deadlines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County Commissioners and County departments are doing what is allowed during this pandemic for them to do by County Code and following State and Federal laws and regulations, but the rest is up to our residents. Please follow the instructions of State and Federal health officials to stay calm, stay home, stay safe, and wear a mask if going out around other people.

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