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CRAWFORD COUNTY COVID-19 POSITIVES CLIMBS TO 19

Governor outlines three phases to a new normal

MEADVILLE, PA – The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 in Crawford County is at 19. Governor Tom Wolf last night presented his detailed plan for reopening the Commonwealth with a targeted May 8 start. The administration will categorize reopening into three phases: red, yellow, green. Phases will be assigned based on conditions in a county, counties or region. The administration will first study conditions in the north-central and northwest regions with a target of moving from red to yellow on May 8. Additional monitoring will take place and direction will be provided in the next week.

In the Yellow Phase, the Work and Congregate Setting Restrictions include; Telework Must Continue Where Feasible, Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders, Child Care Open with Worker and Building Safety Orders, Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place, Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction. Also in the Yellow Phase, the Social Restrictions include; Stay-at-Home Restrictions Lifted in Favor of Aggressive Mitigation, Large Gatherings of More than 25 Prohibited, In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable, Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities (such as gyms, spas), and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed, Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only. All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning and monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary. More information on the reopening phases can be found at www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/. Information for mitigation and safety measures for businesses and all facilities to follow can be found at: www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Businesses.aspx

Crawford County Commissioners stress that Crawford County hasn't yet been formally notified that we will be included in the first re-open phase, so maintaining social distancing, wearing masks and continuing mitigation efforts to keep our COVID-19 cases at a minimum will be critical to show the Governor that Crawford County can re-open. Commissioners do not want residents to think that as of May 8, the world returns to the way it was. We are encouraged by this new plan, but we still have to work hard to get there and to stay there!

Stay calm, stay home, stay safe...and wear a mask if you go out and will be around other people.

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