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CRAWFORD COUNTY COVID-19 POSITIVES REMAINS AT FIVE ***Mitigation and prevention are still the best ways to stop this virus***

MEADVILLE, PA – Crawford County residents testing positive for the COVID-19 virus remains at five. All individuals are at home and in isolation and the Department of Health is following up with anyone who may have come in contact with them.

Try to get groceries once per week instead of daily and send only one person, not they whole family, and get the groceries for neighbors or those over 60 who are more susceptible. Freedom of travel for essential reasons remains, but you must refrain from non-essential travel. Essential travel includes things like commuting to an essential job, picking up supplies like groceries and medicine, and checking on family and pets in other households. Do not host or attend gatherings. In order to not overwhelm doctor's offices, emergency medical services or the hospital, please follow these recommendations from the Center for Disease Control. In accordance with the Governor's direction and recommendations from the PA Department of Health, all County buildings are closed until further notice. Please check directly with the Courts as to their status at www.crawfordcountypa.net.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) today announced the launch of a statewide Support & Referral Helpline staffed by skilled and compassionate staff who will be available 24/7 to assist Pennsylvanians struggling with anxiety and other challenging emotions due to the COVID-19 emergency and refer them to community-based resources that can further help to meet individual needs. The toll-free, round-the-clock support line is officially operational. The number to call is 1-855-284-2494. For TTY, dial 724-631-5600. To create and staff the support line, DHS has partnered with the Center for Community Resources (CCR), an experienced regional crisis and call center provider based in Butler County and licensed to provide crisis services.

CCR staff are trained to be accessible, culturally competent, and skilled at assisting individuals with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, co-occurring disorders and other special needs. Staff use the principles of trauma-informed care to listen, assess needs, triage calls, and provide appropriate referral to community

resources to children, teens, adults and special populations. CCR will collaborate with individuals, families, police, emergency medical teams, hospitals, schools, and human service providers on the local level to provide quality care to their community members. Many other resources also remain available to Pennsylvanians in need of support, including:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line: Text "PA" to 741-741
- Veteran Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990
- Get Help Now Hotline (for substance use disorders): 1-800-662-4357
- Pennsylvania Sexual Assault Helpline – 1-888-772-7227
- National Domestic Violence Helpline – 1-800-799-7233

All of us have the opportunity to lessen the impact of COVID-19 in Crawford County if we practice the measures outlined from the PA Department of Health: please wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, instead of your hands; clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones and other frequently touched items. Finally, if you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better. We understand that staying at home and practicing mitigation efforts is difficult, but we all must do everything in our power to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Crawford County. The more we practice these mitigation efforts, the sooner we will see cases of COVID-19 decline and the sooner the restrictions may be lifted. Thanks for doing your part! Stay Calm Stay Home Stay Safe!

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