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CRAWFORD COUNTY COVID-19 POSITIVES RISE

Please stay at home unless you absolutely must go out.

MEADVILLE, PA – Crawford County residents testing positive for the COVID-19 virus continue to rise. All 13 individuals are at home resting and recuperating.

In accordance with the Governor's direction and recommendations from the PA Department of Health, please try to get groceries once per week instead of daily and send only one person, not the whole family. Consider also getting groceries for neighbors or those over 60 who are more susceptible to contracting the virus. Please wear a mask when you are around other people. Your mask protects other people and their mask protects you from contracting the virus. 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 (www.CDC.gov).

When purchasing or ordering your groceries please consider buying milk and other dairy products. Many of our dairy farmers are experiencing a severe drop in demand and prices for their milk due to the effects of COVID-19. There are some farms being forced to dump their milk because they no longer have a market for their milk. We can all help our local dairy farmers by consuming more dairy products.

While we remain concerned for the health of our citizens, we are also aware of the devastating impact that business closures have had on business owners and employees. We all want our businesses to be able to reopen their doors as soon as it is possible and safe to do so, and many will need financial assistance. There are several resources from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) www.sba.gov

Crawford County Commissioners have had to make the difficult decision to furlough many County workers. Effective Monday April 13, approximately 100 County employees will be furloughed. The Commissioners will

continue to monitor the County's financial picture and call these valued public employees back to work as soon as possible.

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 with 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. But even if you are not feeling sick, PLEASE STAY HOME. 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 and Wear a Mask!

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