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## CRAWFORD COUNTY AGGRESSIVELY PREPARES FOR THE COVID-19

*Actions taken today will mitigate the spread of the virus*

**Meadville, PA** – In concert with Governor Wolf’s press conference today, the Crawford County Commissioners and President Judge have closed all Crawford County Buildings to the general public from March 16 at 4:30pm and will tentatively reopen on March 30 at 8:30am. All county employees are to report to work as normal on March 17. The general public should access the county’s web-site [www.crawfordcountypa.net](http://www.crawfordcountypa.net) for phone and e-mail addresses to contact county departments with questions and to communicate with them. The Commissioners have taken proactive steps and established a COVID-19 Subcommittee earlier in the month to review current emergency plans and to discuss further details to the ever changing COVID-19 flu situation. Credible and up to the minute information can be found at [www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org) or [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov). There are weekly webinars and informational meetings with key stakeholders within and outside the county to share information, discuss actions to take, and identify any unmet needs that would need state or federal assistance.

Other actions Crawford County has taken include meetings with public safety and elected officials from Meadville and Titusville, school districts, colleges, and various other critical facilities in a coordinated plan to prepare for and respond to this health emergency.

According to Crawford County Commissioner Eric Henry, “This is a good time to create that Emergency Preparedness Kit you have been putting off. You will want to have a basic supply of essential items in case you want to avoid going out in public. Prepare just like you would for a snowstorm by stocking up on a minimum of two weeks of shelf stable food, water, medications, pet food and other essentials.”

Commissioner Henry also encouraged everyone to take the same precautions they do for the flu. “Wash your hands frequently, cough or sneeze into your arm, avoid crowds, stay home if you have flu-like symptoms.” While the flu shot will not protect you from COVID-19, it will keep you healthier in general. If you have any additional questions or are experiencing flu-like symptoms, contact your family doctor.

In echoing the Governor’s words, “We want all Crawford County residents to be calm, be home, and be safe until the threat of this virus passes.”

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