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CRAWFORD COUNTY AGGRESSIVELY PREPARES FOR THE COVID-19 ***Actions taken today will mitigate the spread of the virus***

Meadville, PA – The Crawford County Commissioners continue to closely monitor and take proactive steps in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was signed by the County Commissioners and Cities of Titusville and Meadville and a Declaration of Judicial Emergency was signed by the President Judge this week. The County is not aware of anyone testing positive in Crawford County for the COVID-19 virus.

In the face of this pandemic, which none of us has ever experienced, the Commissioners and the President Judge are working to make essential functions of government available to the public, while at the same time ensuring the safety of county employees and the public. After much discussion and with the best interest of our employees and their families, we are closing the courthouse for the week of March 23rd-27th to all employees. We feel based on the recommendations of the Governor and Dr. Rachel Levine from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, this decision is in the best interest of our community. For the week of March 23rd-27th Crawford County Courthouse will be closed. All employees are to stay home and report to work on March 30th at their normal reporting time unless they are told otherwise. Additional information can be found on the county's web-site at www.crawfordcountypa.net. For Court functions and Judicial Center information, please refer to the County website or call the Courts directly

There have been multiple daily conference calls and webinars with various elected officials, hospitals, healthcare agencies, and public safety agencies to discuss emergency plans as the situation ever changes. The County's Emergency Operations Center continues its activation with additional personnel to support Crawford County's first responders, healthcare, and residents.

Questions about whether or not a business is considered "life-sustaining," or whether it must close, can be directed to ra-dcedcs@pa.gov. In extenuating circumstances, special exemptions will be granted to businesses that are supplying or servicing health care providers. If you would like to request an exemption, please email RA-dcexemption@pa.gov and they will respond to you shortly with a formal process for applying for an exemption.

This pandemic continues to affect each and every Crawford County resident and business. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency will be working to get the word out on funding opportunities for those agencies responding to this pandemic and low interest loans for qualifying businesses affected. The Commissioners urge all Crawford County residents to stay calm, stay home, and stay safe until this pandemic pass. For additional information go to www.cdc.gov or www.health.pa.gov.

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