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CRAWFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS STEPPING UP AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC *Mitigation is still the best way to stop this virus*

MEADVILLE, PA - Crawford County Commissioners remind Crawford County residents that we all have our part to do to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Social distancing and washing your hands are the two biggest actions we all can take. The PA Department of Health reminds everyone that going outside and getting some fresh air is good for mental health, exercise, and an early start to Spring cleaning. As of the issuance of this Press Release, the Commissioners are not aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Crawford County.

Please look at the PA Department of Health's website, www.health.pa.gov or call them at 1-877-724-4358 for information regarding: business waivers, seniors, banking, transportation, education, environmental protection, and many others.

There have been many accounts of people going above and beyond and adapting their operations to meet the needs of our residents which show the resilience of Crawford County. From citizens sewing masks, to wineries making hand sanitizer, to ministers having church on Facebook and the internet, to restaurants serving take out only meals, Crawford County is working hard in amazing ways to curb the pandemic.

Meadville City Manager Andy Walker said, "There's obviously no playbook for the situation in which we find ourselves. I'm grateful for the relationships and communication structure we've built in Crawford County and in the region. I've communicated regularly over the past week with officials from the County and my colleagues in Titusville, Franklin and Warren. I'm confident that, among us all, we'll find the best path forward for our communities in the difficult days ahead."

"The health, safety, and security of Titusville residents is our utmost priority and responsibility. We will continue to evaluate this situation each and every day and will continue to provide consistent up-to-date information to our residents." Said Titusville City Manager, Neil Fratus.

If you do not have the COVID-19 symptoms of fever, coughing and respiratory distress, you do not need to be tested for it. Telemedicine is now a great tool to get good healthcare information about your symptoms

without going to the doctors or hospital. The CDC web-site has good information on how to clean up after the flu at www.cdc.gov.

Commissioners encourage everyone to support local businesses that are open, call and check on your neighbors and family to make sure they are ok. Instead of the whole family going grocery shopping, one person should go and also get groceries for the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions. Commissioners, Public Safety, and numerous local, county, and state agencies continue to communicate, cooperate and coordinate through emergency planning as the President and Governor issue new mitigation efforts to keep Crawford County residents safe and able to respond if a resident tests positive. Contingency plans are in place in the event there is a medical surge on the Meadville and Titusville Hospitals and emergency medical services become overwhelmed.

Commissioners remind residents to stay calm, stay home and stay safe. We do not know how long this pandemic will last, but working together in these mitigation efforts, while supporting each other at a distance, we can overcome this.

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