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CRAWFORD COUNTY PREPARES FOR 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. Release of official confirmed COVID-19 cases come directly from the PA Department of Health not the county.

Crawford County has planned for two locations for those individuals that are released from hospitals to wait until the fourteen-day quarantine has expired so they can return home. Local emergency medical services on the frontlines have received personal protective equipment for their safety. Essential county government operations have been addressed with emergency staffing plan in place and needed supplies. 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. Crawford County Department of Public Safety is still looking for any unused N95 masks, alcohol preps, forehead thermometers, non-touch thermometers to give to emergency personnel.

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. If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, Pennsylvania 211 is a great place to start. You can **dial 211** or **text your zip code to #898-211** to talk with a resource specialist for free. 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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