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FIRST CRAWFORD COUNTY RESIDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 *Mitigation is still the best way to stop this virus*

MEADVILLE, PA - Crawford County Officials were notified today that the PA Department of Health has confirmed one individual who resides somewhere in Crawford County did test positive for the COVID-19 virus. The Individual is at home and in isolation. Based on the increased number of cases around us and the additional testing done by the Meadville Medical Center, the notification by the PA Department of Health came as no surprise to the Board of Commissioners. The Crawford County Emergency Management office along with our community partners created a COVID-19 task force over three weeks ago. This group has met on a regular basis and includes all of our community partners including the Meadville Medical Center, the school districts, and other municipal leaders. Each of the county's life essential departments including the County Jail, the 911 center, and Care Center have all prepared additional plans and resources for their particular situations as well. The task force will continue to meet and adapt to the constantly changing situation as needed. We ask that our citizens continue to follow the advice of the PA Department of Health, Dr. Rachel Levine, and the Governor of Pennsylvania.

As a reminder, the coronavirus spreads similar to the flu or a cold. Everyone should be following some simple rules to help curb the spread of the virus. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow instead of your hands, continue to practice social distancing guidelines, clean frequently touched surfaces, limit yourself to essential travel only, and if you are sick, stay home.

If you do not have the COVID-19 symptoms of fever, coughing and respiratory distress, you do not need to be tested for it. 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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