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### **CRAWFORD COUNTY INFORMATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC** *Mitigation is still the best way to stop this virus*

**MEADVILLE, PA** – Crawford County Commissioners stated today that no additional cases have been reported since the notification yesterday of one individual residing somewhere in Crawford County testing positive for the COVID-19 virus. That notification indicated that the individual is at home and in isolation. Crawford County Department of Public Safety continues to communicate on a regular basis with our community partners including the Meadville Medical Center, the school districts and other municipal leaders. County Commissioners have extended the closure of the Courthouse to the public through April 3<sup>rd</sup> and will continue to evaluate the situation moving forward. Essential County Employees will be advised by their Department Heads regarding work locations and times to ensure the continuity of County government operations is maintained.

Local emergency medical services on the frontlines have received personal protective equipment for their safety. Additionally, 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 continues to look for any unused N95 masks, alcohol preps and non-touch thermometers to give to emergency personnel by calling 814-724-8110.

While Crawford County did have its first positive case reported, we fully expect there to be more as we are awaiting results of more tests. Commissioners have not received word that any new cases have been confirmed. All of us have the opportunity to lessen the impact of COVID-19 in Crawford County if we practice the measures outlined by the Governor of Pennsylvania and Dr. Rachel Levine from the PA Department of Health; please wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, do not use your hands. Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones and other frequently touched items. Finally, if you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better.

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