



3/27/20-- Uinta County COVID-19 Update

No Positive Cases in Uinta County Yet. (We Promise to Let You Know!)

As of 3:15pm, 3/27/20, there are still no confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Uinta County.

We are committed to getting you the most up-to-date (while accurate and true) information, especially about a positive case in our communities.

We understand that consistent and clear information is very important to all of us.

Here is what we know right now:

1. Testing is occurring in our community. Most of our healthcare providers are collecting specimens, which are sent to labs for COVID-19 testing. Whether or not a person is tested, though, depends on the provider's assessment (there are a lot of different sicknesses going around our community,) clinical symptoms, and the priority guidelines for testing. So far all results have come back negative.
2. We do expect to have a positive case(s) in our community at some point, and we (County leaders, public health and healthcare providers) are preparing for that.
3. The best thing we can do, whether there is a positive case here or not, is to follow the governor's recent plea to stay home unless it is absolutely essential for us to leave. This really does reduce the likelihood of spread of the virus, and it helps our providers conserve their Personal Protective Equipment. The Governor and State Health Officer have just extended the 3 statewide public health closure orders through April 17th.
4. If/when there is a positive COVID-19 case, we will let the community know, while protecting the personal information of the affected person. Local public health, in conjunction with the Epidemiology Unit at the Wyoming Department of Health will support those instructed to quarantine at home, and will conduct contact investigations to identify and inform all those who are at high risk for exposure.

Please know that community and health leaders are cooperating and communicating to better serve you, and to provide coordinated support for easing the impacts of the necessary distancing.

This is a trying time, and we are grateful for the support and cooperation of our citizens! So many are finding creative and inspiring ways to help others. Even though we have to stay physically apart, we really are better together.

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