



## ***4/16/20-- Uinta County COVID-19 Update***

### **UINTA COUNTY'S POSITIVE CASES RECOVERED, NO PROBABLE CASES**

Uinta County is able to report some good news to go along with the sad news about the first two reported COVID deaths in the state. There have been four total lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in our county, all of whom have recovered. Illness and symptoms were relatively mild in all four.

There have been no probable cases connected to the lab-confirmed cases, either. Probable cases are defined as close contacts of a lab-confirmed positive case that then go on and develop illness. Because of the exposure, no testing is required, and it is just assumed that they have COVID-19, with contacts of those now-ill persons being notified and quarantined.

The Wyoming Department of Health just increased their reporting capacity and now include more data on the website. There is a more accurate view now of total tests completed per county (before they were only able to report tests completed at the Wyoming Public Health Lab, and not completed by outside labs.)

Providers in Uinta County have completed a total of 163 tests since the first test sample was taken in the first week of March. (56 through the Wyoming Public Health Lab, and 107 through private labs.)

Statewide there have been 6,427 tests performed, with a slight majority being done at the Wyoming Public Health lab. Total positive case count is up to 296, with 105 probable cases, and 2 deaths. Recovered cases total 187.

While our number of recovered cases (with no new ones yet this week), are promising and hopeful for our county, it is still unknown where we are at in Wyoming in terms of our "peak" and when it will be safe to open things back up.

With limited data, the decision to unfurl will be made cautiously, slowly and methodically, as noted in Governor Gordon's press conference with Dr. Harrist, the State Health Officer.

In the meantime, it seems that our efforts at social distancing, at staying home as much as possible, at wearing cloth face coverings, at washing our hands for 20 seconds, at avoiding gatherings, and of taking care of each other as much as we can in a virtual manner are paying off, but it is important to continue these practices.

This whole situation, the "new normal" is not easy. It is wearing on a lot of us. Please reach out for help if you need it, and find ways to take care of your emotional and mental health, as well as

your physical health. If there are resources you are in need of call 211 or 789-9203 and we will try to connect you with what you need.

Please see the WDH website for more statistics and data:

<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-testing-data/>

The Wyoming Information Sharing Platform is also a great resource for numbers and data:

<https://wohs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=42fd398fa8f449fb930f2d375c5a1bb>

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