April 10, 2020 "Be Responsible NOT Mobile" 2:00 PM Big Horn County COVID-19 Update/Response

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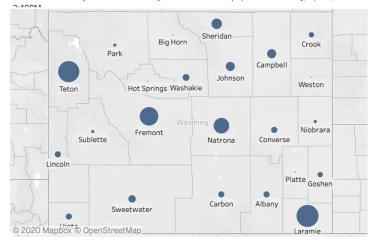
Yesterday afternoon we logged 239 cases in Wyoming, with 81 probably cases, and we are fortunate that 105 people have fully recovered, and we have yet to record a death. We have tested over 2700, a number higher per capita than many other places in the world and the US. We have yet to record a case in Big Horn County and we would really like to be the last county in Wyoming and the US to do so.

Our collective efforts are making a difference. We are flattening the curve. But





Wyoming COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases by County of Residence Hover over a county name to see county level breakdowns | Updated Thursday, April 9, 2020



we can't back off now. Deborah Birx, MD, put the new mortality estimate at 61,000, down from an earlier prediction of 90,000.

She credited the downward revisions to Americans' adherence to the administration's <u>mitigation protocol</u>. "what has been so remarkable," she said, "is how important behavioral change is and how amazing Americans are in adapting to and following through on these behavioral changes."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said,

"I think the American public have done a really terrific job just buckling down and doing those physical separations and adhering to those guidelines." He continued that we all need to, "still put their foot on the accelerator" when it comes to physical separations, warning it's still too early for the nation to let its guard down and resume regular schedules without proper adherence to health and safety guidelines.

New studies show active smokers and vapers with COVID-19 were 2.4 times more likely to experience severe outcomes -- intensive care unit admission, need for mechanical ventilation, or death -- than non-smokers with the disease. IF YOU SMOKE OR VAPE - QUIT NOW.

In this time of stress and physical distancing – it is even more important that we reach out to family and neighbors via telephone or electronically to reconnect emotionally and spiritually. Today many faiths on Good Friday are making today a day of fasting and prayer. Today, Governor Gordon signed a proclamation declaring April 10, 2020 a Day of Prayer in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. "I invite our leaders and citizens to pray that the present pandemic may be controlled, caregivers protected, our soldiers and their families watched over, the economy strengthened and life normalized. Across all faiths and beliefs, we can all come together at this time of year to find a sense of peace and purpose."

Let's make this Good Friday a GREAT FRIDAY! "Be Responsible NOT Mobile"

The Governor has urged,

"Stay home"

"Wash your hands"

"Maintain 6 feet of distance"

"Do NOT congregate in groups of more than 10"

"Don't mob stores or allow your kids to gather up for play dates"

"THAT IS THE BEHAVIOR WE NEED! IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE BEHAVE THIS WAY!"

If you need help finding a health care provider or additional information on COVID call 211.



Help stop coronavirus

- 1 STAY HOME SAVE LIVES
- 2 **KEEP** a safe distance
- 3 WASH hands often
- 4 COVER your cough
- 5 SICK? Call ahead

Anyone who feels that they may be at risk of harming themselves, or who knows of someone in immediate danger of harming themselves, should **call 911**. Anyone

experiencing suicidal thoughts is encouraged to call the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at <u>1-800-273-TALK (8255)</u> or **text "WYO" to 741-741** for the Crisis Text Line. Veterans can call: 1 800-273-8255.



Respectfully,

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For Sources of Information on COVID-19:

 Big Horn County Public Health Website: https://www.bighorncountywy.gov



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- 2. Big Horn County COVID-19 INFORMATION LINE 307-568-4031 Or Email us @ covid-19@bighorncountywy.gov
- 3. Park County Public Health Coronavirus Information Line: 754-1870 or 527-1870 (Updated regularly). Big Horn County may use this.
- 4. Up to date announcements from Wyoming Department of Health as they are released Wyoming Department of Health Website: https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus.
- 5. CDC Website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html
- 6. Wyoming Department of Health State Orders: https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-orders-and-guidance/