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Platte County Public Health

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Platte County has seen a recent large uptick in the number of confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19 infections. This surge of cases is not unexpected as many rural counties in Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota are seeing similar increases.

COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in our local schools and we are now seeing community spread in the towns of Wheatland and Guernsey. "Community spread "means that we are seeing patients with COVID-19 that are unsure how or where they were infected. When we see community spread, it is important to practice preventative measures. With community spread, relatively large numbers of symptomatic and asymptomatic people with COVID-19 infection are present in a community.

If you are feeling ill with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection, it is important to stay home and protect others in your family and community. If you have more severe symptoms such as chest pain, shortness of breath, etc. you should seek immediate medical attention. At public health, we are asking everyone in the community to take a role in protecting each other by socially distancing, wearing a mask in public areas where distancing is impossible and staying home when ill.

We realize these are politically charged times and that there is misinformation on both sides of this issue.   We hope that as we work through this expected surge in cases that we can come together to help avoid overloading our local healthcare system and protect the vulnerable by acting responsibly. ***We are also asking that promoters of large gatherings please consider postponing or rescheduling any events in the coming days until we see cases start to subside.***

Platte County Public Health serves an advisory role for local leadership and is an advocate for the health of our community. It is our mission to make recommendations to help mitigate loss of health or life based on the latest recommendations from the Wyoming Department of Health and national health organizations.

As this outbreak rapidly evolves for the latest updates, go to plattecountypublichealth.com. You can also use the Wyoming 211 service to speak to a representative from the Wyoming Department of Health by simply dialing 2-1-1 from your phone. These links are available from the Platte County Public Health Website.

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