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An Important Message from Platte County Public Health and Emergency Management regarding COVID19 in Platte County:

Platte County is currently in the orange: Moderate-High transmission levels, WITH

Red Zone: high transmission Levels, for cases per 100,000 population AND

Yellow Zone: Moderate Transmission Levels, for test positivity rate

As of <u>7/27/2021</u>, Platte County has 14 COVID related deaths, 24 active positive cases, 465 cases per 100,000, and 7.2% positivity rate.

The CDC and Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) recommends fully vaccinated individuals wear masks in public indoor settings for counties in the yellow, orange, or red zones according to WDH metrics. These metrics are found online on the WDH COVID 19 information page.

If you are seeking a COVID vaccine, please check out www.vaccinefinder.org for information on where you can be vaccinated.

If you haven't yet been vaccinated, then wearing a face covering and social distancing is still very important until you have been fully immunized. Don't miss out on your opportunity to get the COVID vaccine!

Remember: Cold or allergy-like symptoms could be COVID, as well as fever, fatigue, muscle aches, chills, lost sense of taste and/or smell, and headaches. If you have these symptoms, **even if you have been vaccinated**, please call your provider to be tested.

Please note: Quarantining after exposure to known or suspected COVID disease is still the requirement to protect others, as well as isolation of positive COVID-19 cases. Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19 but the CDC recommends testing at day 3-5 after exposure and wearing masks in public indoor settings until receiving a negative test result or for 14 days after exposure without testing. Fully vaccinated individuals with a positive test result will be required to isolate. We are still doing contact tracing for quarantine and isolation cases.

For more information, please call Platte County Public Health at 307-322-2540.