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First COVID-19 Case in Platte County, WY

[Wheatland, WY, 5/21/2020] Platte County Public Health has been informed by the State of Wyoming Department of Health that we have our first case of COVID-19. According to WDH state Epidemiology, this positive case has an address in Platte County but tested positive in another Wyoming county and has not re-entered our county. They will continue to isolate outside our county until state Epidemiology discharges this case. We will continue to receive information from the Department of Epidemiology in regards to this ongoing situation. Please know Platte County Public health, Emergency Manager, and our County Health Officer are working hard to keep our community safe while we navigate through this.

As part of the process, people who may have had close contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19 will be or have been identified and contacted by the Wyoming Department of Health. This step is called contact tracing. Contract tracing is important because it helps to stop transmission of the virus in the community through early identification and prompt quarantine or isolation of potentially exposed individuals.

The Platte County Health Department wants to remind all Platte County residents:

- To stay home when sick and to avoid contact with others unless you need to seek medical attention. Individuals with a fever, cough, or influenza-like illness, regardless of travel history should call their healthcare provider for a phone evaluation. If you are having a true medical emergency, please call 911.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, countertops, faucets, sinks, phones, keypads, etc.
- Follow advice from the CDC on how to protect yourself: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html .

To receive more information and updates on COVID-19 in Platte County, WY please go to https://www.plattecountywyoming.com/. More Wyoming information on COVID-19 can be found at https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novelcoronavirus/.

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