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### KIT CARSON COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE WEEKLY UPDATE

As of the writing of this Weekly Update, there are NO positive cases of COVID-19 in Kit Carson County. There are NO positive cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln, Cheyenne or Sherman Counties. This report is reassuring and should give the residents of our county a sense of comfort. While we have no confirmed positive cases in our area, it is important to maintain the social distancing orders that we have received from the Governor's office to maintain a healthy "COVID Free" community. These orders include the following: (1) Reduce non-essential workforce to 50% on each shift; (2) Limit gatherings to no more than 10 people and maintain 6 feet between people; (3) No in-house dining at restaurants, closing of theaters and recreational gymnasiums and closing of spas, hair salons and barber shops. (4) School closure until April 17<sup>th</sup> (will be reassessed by Governor as needed).

***There is NO disruption in shipments and/or receipt of food and supplies at our grocery stores and other retailers who sell groceries.*** Therefore, ***there is no need to hoard or over-buy supplies*** such as toilet paper, hand sanitizer or Clorox wipes and sprays. Doing this is not in the best interest of your neighbors and actually puts everyone at risk. Please be considerate, and only purchase food and supplies that you need for your family for a one to two week period of time. Local businesses are open and ready to provide services to you. There are social-distancing rules in place for each individual business, please help them maintain their ability to provide continued services to you by abiding by the efforts that they have put into place to protect you and their workers. Essential services that are ***not*** included in the 50% workforce reduction or other restrictions include the following:

- Municipal governments – including essential public works
- Colorado state and municipal courts
- Airports, bus, and train stations
- Health care facilities
- Grocery or retail stores

- Pharmacies
- Banking/Finance
- Delivery and take-out food services
- State, county and municipal government buildings
- Factories/industries where more than 10 people can maintain 6 feet between each other
- Newspaper, television, radio and other media services
- Child care facilities
- Homeless shelters
- Any emergency facility needed to respond to COVID-19

When they say “it takes a village”, Kit Carson County has demonstrated that this is indeed true and residents and responders should be proud and inspired thus far. The COVID-19 response is multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectorial. Kit Carson County Dept. of Public Health and Environment is providing the lead role for the response. The following jurisdictions and entities are actively participating in the operational coordination and response: Kit Carson County Emergency Management; Kit Carson County Health Services District; all school districts located in the county; CSU Extension; all fire departments with Burlington Fire as the lead, Kit Carson County and Community Ambulance Service; Flagler Clinic; Centennial Mental Health; Kit Carson County Sheriff; Kit Carson County Corner; Burlington City Administration and Police Department; all senior centers and assisted living facilities; Kit Carson County Dept. of Human Services; Kit Carson County Commissioners; Goodland National Weather Service; Colorado Dept. of Transportation; Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Sherman County Emergency Management and Public Health. Also staying in close contact are Lincoln County Public Health and Cheyenne County Public Health.

In addition to those listed above, we want to take this opportunity to thank many volunteers in the community that are assisting with making masks, providing courier services to senior citizens and people who are at higher risk to provide medications, groceries and supplies.

Many valuable links to local services and information are available on the following Face Book pages and websites:

Kit Carson County webpage: [kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov](http://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov)

Please “Like” the following Face Book Pages:

Kit Carson County

Kit Carson County Department of Public Health

Kit Carson County Department of Human Services

Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital

Kit Carson County Sheriff

Burlington CO

Centennial Mental Health Center

Kit Carson County Landfill

Burlington Cougar Athletes

State information can be found at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>