

## Press Release

### Park County Covid-19 Response, Incident Management Team

In response to the emerging Coronavirus Covid-19 threat, Park County Public Health and the Park County Office of Homeland Security created an Incident Management Team to begin planning for and dealing with Covid-19 related issues.

Led by Park County Public Health Nurse Manager Bill Crampton and Park County Director of Homeland Security Jack Tatum as Unified Commanders, the IMT began by developing objectives. For instance the first objective addresses the health and safety of the responders and also the public. One of the strategies chosen to support that objective includes obtaining replacement personal protective equipment and disinfectant supplies for health care providers and other personnel who are providing services for those affected by the virus. Another was working with Park County Public Health Officer Aaron Billin to enact a Public Health Order designed to limit exposure.

Knowing that certain persons such as the elderly and those with serious preexisting health issues are more vulnerable, the IMT also developed an objective to identify and provide special assistance to these individuals. For instance, when a vulnerable individual needs help getting groceries, a group of volunteers has been identified and one will be contacted to pick up and deliver them to the individual. These people have other needs and so the effort to identify the individuals, their needs, and more volunteers are ongoing.

The team is seeking input from, and assisting many entities in Park County including Cody Regional Health, Powell Valley Health Care, Heritage Health, Northwest Community College, all school districts, City of Powell, City of Cody, Town of Meeteetse, Park County Commissioners, Powell Police, Cody Police, Park County Sheriff, several volunteer organizations, and others.

In addition to the Unified Commanders the current team includes: Park County Fire District 2 Administrator Jerry Parker serving as Planning Section Chief, Park County Public Health Response Coordinator Kimball Croft serving as Operations Section Chief, PCFD2 Fire Marshal Sam Wilde serving as Safety Officer, County Treasurer Barb Poley serving as Finance Section Chief, PCFD2 District Training Officer Rick Fleming serving as Logistics Section Chief, Deputy County Clerk Hans

Odde serving as Documentation Unit Leader, County Chief Information Officer Mike Conners serving as Communication Unit Leader, and Russ Wenke serving as Public Information Officer.

Since it is expected that an Incident Management Team will be needed for longer than the current team members can commit, they will be identifying and recruiting replacements.

For additional information about Park County's Covid-19 response and for links to additional information about how to protect you and your family, please visit the Park County Coronavirus Information Page found on the Park County website.