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Wyoming County State of Emergency Declaration

As of 12:00am on Sunday, March 15, 2020, a State of Emergency has been declared in Wyoming County in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. There are currently no confirmed cases in Wyoming County; there are three patients in mandatory quarantine awaiting test results for COVID-19. From Chairman Jerry Davis of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, "Health department officials expect a positive case of COVID-19 in Wyoming County in the coming days. This Declaration will allow us to respond to this public health crisis and obtain the necessary resources to slow the spread of COVID-19". Many measures have already been implemented to slow the spread of the virus.

Residents should follow recommendations from their healthcare providers for personal care. Restrict travel and avoid crowds, especially if you are someone at higher risk for serious illness. This is very important if you are an older adult, or have a serious chronic medical condition such as heart disease, lung disease or diabetes. Basic health hygiene and social distancing are the keys to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Increased testing for COVID-19 is expected in the coming days. Residents should contact their healthcare provider if they have recent travel to a Level 2 or Level 3 country in the last 14 days, or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Residents, private employers and faith-based communities should follow guidance from the CDC or the New York State Department of Health. Do not act on information from unreliable sources; be sensible and informed. Be prepared and take steps to care for yourselves, your families, friends and neighbors.

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, call the NYS Department of Health toll free at (888) 364-3065.

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