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PRESS RELEASE

March 17, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, Jerry L. Davis, reports: "As of 12:30 p.m. today March 17, 2020, Wyoming County has one confirmed case of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) according to the Wyoming County Health Department. Health Department personnel are already at work identifying the close contacts of this individual and to place those close contacts in mandatory quarantine to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. There are additional test results pending over the coming days. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

At 10:00 a.m. this morning, I directed Department Heads to allow non-essential personnel, as determined by the Department Head, to be able to work from home or take leave without charging accruals, except for those personnel essential to county operations and to our response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency in accordance to the Governor's Executive Orders. There will be updates as Departments adjust in the days to come, but we are committed to providing the best in services during this crisis.

If you think you have been exposed to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. Please don't just present yourself at the Emergency Room or your Doctor's office. It is vital you call your healthcare provider in advance, which also allows for preparation of patients. Current measures being taken are to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health of residents. Some people are at increased risk for COVID-19, including older adults and those with chronic health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease and diabetes. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html#who-is-higher-risk>

Residents should respond to accurate information, including:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

New York State Department of Health <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

NYS Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline (888) 364-3065

Wyoming County Declared a State of Emergency at midnight on March 15, 2020. The purpose of the Declaration was to allow the schools to close at their discretion and provide additional resources for response.

Please check the County website www.wyomingco.net for hours of operation and instructions for face to face business at essential county departments and general updates. An additional press release will be disseminated at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, March 18, 2020.” ###

Jerry L. Davis, Chairman of the Board