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COVID-19 INFORMATION
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Teton County Fire & Rescue Responds to COVID-19

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Covid-19 Incident Reported: As of 5:30 PM, March 14th, TVHC and District 7 Health announced the first positive case for Covid-19 in Teton County. At 8:00 PM the Fire District participated in a Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) session facilitated by Teton County Emergency Management and Teton Valley Healthcare to develop a county wide operational plan in response to this outbreak. As a result, a group of key community leaders that included Teton Valley Healthcare, District 7 Public Health, Teton County Idaho Commissioners and County Emergency Management, City Officials from Victor, Driggs, and Teton, Public and Private School District Officials, Seniors West of the Tetons, Teton County Sheriff's Office and the Teton County Fire District has been created to evaluate and coordinate response and information on a daily basis.

Teton County Fire & Rescue is well trained and logistically prepared to respond to and support this type of infectious disease emergency. We have the resources and procedures in place to protect our personnel and deliver appropriate emergency services to our County and support the needs of our Community Partners as this unfolds.

Additionally, Teton County Fire & Rescue is also suspending business travel, multi-crew training, participation in community events and other nonessential external activities until further notice. This includes canceling station tours, engine tours, ride-alongs, and community training classes.

New temporary policies were implemented to prevent the unnecessary exposure of our firefighters and critical staff to the virus. Public access to the stations is now restricted, services will be provided via phone and email during normal business hours. Email access can be supported through both tetoncountyfire.com and by calling 208-715-5201.

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