

WHITE PINE COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

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The Office of Public Health regrets to inform that we have a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in our community. In partnership with William Bee Ririe Hospital, we are aggressively pursuing the identification of all direct contacts to our local patient zero to instruct, educate, and reassure those individuals in order to mitigate and possibly contain the spread of COVID-19 to the rest of the community. No one is hospitalized at this moment. No identifiable information on patient zero will be distributed, and the public is encouraged to do the same out of respect to personal privacy. Appropriate individuals will be quarantined.

At this point in time, social distancing is more important than ever. If you see anyone participating in a mass gathering event of any kind, please report to the Sheriff's Office at 289-8808. If you see anybody not adhering to social distancing or other preventive measures, kindly remind them. If you are a business allowed to stay open, please remember that this is stipulated upon adherence to social distancing measures. Our Sherriff's Office will be assisting in seeking cooperation from everyone.

It is here, folks. It is time to step up. Your actions will determine the course of this battle for days and weeks to come.

Again, please

- Maintain your personal hygiene and preventive measures.
- Maintain calm and poise. Nothing is more virulent than mass panic.
- Maintain social distance.
- Do not overwhelm our 911 dispatch, our first responders, and our healthcare system.
- If you are under isolation or quarantine, please comply. You can pass the disease without knowing, so it's not only about you.
- Call the hospital or clinic before showing up if concerned about COVID-19 symptoms or exposure. The staff needs protection and time to prepare for your visit.

The phone number for our local COVID-19 information is 866-800-1262.