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PRESS RELEASE
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Wyoming County Community Health System worries the Coronavirus is keeping patients away from the hospital as emergency room visits drop, according to an informational release issued today by Joseph McTernan, Chief Executive Officer of the Wyoming County Health System.

In the release, Daniel Fahey, MD, WCCHS Emergency Department Medical Director reports, “the emergency room and hospital can safely take care of your medical needs. If you are experiencing chest pain, shortness of breath, stroke or neurological issues, severe abdominal pain, significant traumatic injuries, or any concerning symptoms that cannot be managed by a primary doctor or specialist, then you should be seen in the emergency department. You do not need to be apprehensive to come to the hospital due to COVID-19. It is a safe environment with our current low patient volume, and we have plenty of staff and resources to take care of your medical needs. We especially want to communicate that all patients with chronic medical problems such as diabetes, COPD, congestive heart failure, etc. should continue to seek medical care from their primary doctors and specialists, and if needed, the emergency department. WCCHS has a robust telemedicine program for many of its clinics and video and phone visits can be arranged, if preferred.”

The entire Wyoming County Community Health System Informational Release can be seen by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.wccchs.net/wyoming-county-community-health-system-worries-the-coronavirus-is-keeping-patients-away-from-the-hospital-as-emergency-room-visits-drop/>

Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, Jerry L. Davis, reports: As of earlier today, Friday, April 24, the Wyoming County Health Department reports fifty-eight (58) lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 among Wyoming County residents. This is an increase of two (2) from Thursday, April 23.

Quadrant	Positive Cases	Recoveries	Deaths
<i>Northwest (Attica, Bennington, Orangeville, Sheldon)</i>	18	7	
<i>Southwest (Arcade, Eagle, Java, Wethersfield)</i>	9	7	
<i>Southeast (Castile, Gainesville, Genesee Falls, Pike)</i>	14	8	
<i>Northeast (Covington, Middlebury, Perry, Warsaw)</i>	17	9	5
TOTAL	58	31	5

County	# of Positive	# of Negative	Mandatory Isolation	Mandatory Quarantine	Precautionary Quarantine	# Deaths	# Recovered
Wyoming	58	395	22	34	1	5	31

Cumulative Age Breakdown ~

Age	0-20	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	90+
Wyoming	2	12	3	12	10	10	5	3	1

You can find this and additional information on the county website at <http://www.wyomingco.net/> under the **County News** heading by clicking on **Wyoming County Press Releases (COVID-19)**, **Genesee-Orleans-Wyoming Health Departments COVID-19 Case Tracker** and/or **COVID-19 Information** or by clicking on one of the following links:

Reporting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

<http://www.wyomingco.net/DocumentCenter/View/3804/COVID-19-Tracker-Reporting-FAQ?bidId=>

Genesee Orleans Wyoming County Health Departments COVID-19 Case Tracker:

<https://cogeneseeny.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/045c599586864bfb9b8361fff2ac3bd3>

To obtain updated information and guidance, during the COVID-19 pandemic please contact the **Wyoming County Response Line at 786-8911**, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 5pm, or check the county website at: <http://www.wyomingco.net/> and under the County Quick Links click on COVID -19 information.

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Jerry L. Davis, Chairman of the Board