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To all citizens of Wallowa County:

We are fortunate that we currently do not have any confirmed or presumptive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) present in Wallowa County. While this information could change at any time, each of us would like to reassure the citizens that we are taking necessary steps to continue to provide county services to citizens while respecting the continuously evolving statewide guidance.

We would like to remind you that the social distancing guidance is not about us, or you, but rather our elderly family members, neighbors, and vulnerable populations with compromised immune systems. By adhering to the guidance provided we can all help to flatten the curve, or slow the rate at which people are exposed and potentially become ill, especially individuals at increased risk for severe illness. This will lessen the impact on our local hospital, clinics, and public health.

In these difficult times make sure to take care of yourself, but support each other as well. Hoarding is not necessary and will only create shortages for others truly in need.

We encourage you to go to trusted and verified sources for information. If you have questions about COVID-19 please call 211. Additionally, you can visit the following websites for trusted reference sources on the latest status of COVID-19.

- Center for Human Development <https://www.chdinc.org/covid19>
- Oregon Health Authority <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/pages/index.aspx>
- Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

The NE Oregon Joint Information Center (JIC) is working for the citizens to keep us up to date and informed of the current situations regarding COVID-19. The information generated by the JIC can be found on Facebook at NE Oregon Joint Information Center. Additionally, the JIC will be distributing timely information to local media.

We are available to answer your questions and discuss your concerns. Please call us at (541) 426-4543 x1130. Sincerely,



John Hillock, Chair



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