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**COVID-19 Summary Update March 23, 2020**

Rawlins County Health Partners would like to thank the community for working together amid the COVID-19 situation. Rawlins County Businesses are adjusting precautions and community members are social distancing. These adjustments will help slow the spread of disease.

Currently, Rawlins County does not have a confirmed case of COVID-19. There have been patients tested, and we are awaiting the results. There are also some in our community that are ill with respiratory symptoms and voluntarily quarantining to protect themselves and the rest of the community. This does not mean that they have COVID-19 or are suspected but are quarantining as one should with any respiratory illness such as influenza.

Rawlins County Health Center has testing mediums available for those meeting the Kansas Department of Health and Environment testing criteria. Rawlins County Health Center is fully functional, with visitor restrictions. Hospital staff are working on enhanced critical care, should it be needed for an influx of seriously ill COVID-19 patients. For the safety of their patients, Rawlins Clinic – Atwood has suspended wellness visits and are available for any questions that patients have. RCHC is working with Specialty providers to determine essential and non-essential appointments and are evaluating the scheduling of the essential appointments and looking into tele-med opportunities.

Rawlins County Public Health Department will be available for scheduled appointments only at this time. They are available during normal office hours at 626-3968 and after hours at 626-6697.

Rawlins County Dental Clinic is currently following Kansas Department of Health and Environment's recommendations of suspending all nonessential dental appointments through April 1. They are open with limited hours and are available for dental emergencies to keep the burden from area emergency rooms. Currently, RCDC staff is working to contact those with upcoming regular appointments.

Currier Drug, Inc is open regular hours but only offering curbside service, local delivery, and mail service for prescription medications and over-the-counter needs.

Atwood Good Samaritan Society is under visitor restrictions and would like to thank families and staff for their patience and understanding.

The Tri County Emergency Operation Command which consists of Cheyenne, Sherman and Rawlins is working through the recovery planning process.

Atwood Public Library is available for people to call with questions for disaster assistance to Kansas small businesses economically impacted by COVID-19 as well as to help with unemployment insurance. Call 626-3805 with those questions concerning disaster assistance.

Please be aware of your mental health during these times. Anxiety and issues from extra stress can happen to all of us. While social distancing, if you are feeling well, you can go outside and take a walk, maintain a six feet distance from other people.