

RE-ISSUANCE OF RECOMMENDATION #11

RECOMMENDATION FROM the TETON DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER

GATHER IN HOUSEHOLD GROUPS ONLY

WHEREAS, Dr. Travis Riddell, MD serves as the Teton District Health Officer pursuant to Wyoming Statute §35-1-306(a); and

WHEREAS, the State Health Officer has issued Statewide Order #2 that limits gatherings to no more than 10 persons and based on recent events in Teton County the Teton District Health Officer is recommending that persons in Teton County should limit their gatherings to only household members; and

WHEREAS, as of January 12, 2021 the number of active cases of COVID in Teton County is 218; and

WHEREAS, as of January 12, 2021 there are 14 COVID related hospitalizations at St. John's Health in Jackson, Wyoming. St. John's Health has only 6 Intensive Care Unit beds. St. John's Health is also presently experiencing 22 staff members being quarantined due to possible contacts with COVID positive persons and specifically 5 staff members being COVID positive; and

WHEREAS, as of January 12, 2021 the previous seven-day average of new cases in Teton County is 32; and

WHEREAS, as of January 11, 2021 the two-week rolling average of test positivity rate for Teton County is 8.88%; and

WHEREAS, the CEO of St. John's Health in Jackson, Wyoming has expressed concern for the ability of the hospital to handle any increased number of hospitalizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED, that Gatherings should be limited to household groups in order to help stop the spread of COVID. A "household group" is defined as a group of individuals who reside in the same residence. A "gathering" is any planned or spontaneous event, public or private, bringing together, or likely bringing together, people from outside a person's household group in a single room or a single confined space (whether indoor or outdoor) at the same time. For clarification, persons should continue to go to work and to school, but should not gather outside of a household groups that occur outside of work or school.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This recommendation is effective January 13, 2021 and shall continue through January 27, 2021.

DATED THIS 12 DAY OF January, 2021.


Travis Riddell, MD, MPH
Teton District Health Officer