

News Release

Custer County Issues Local Disaster Emergency Declaration

Declaration Limited to Leveraging Resources to Limit Spread of COVID-19

Custer County, CO, March 16, 2020 – Custer County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Tom Flower signed a local disaster emergency declaration for the county due to developments related to COVID-19.

“The safety and well-being of our citizens is our top priority,” said Commissioner Flower. “This declaration enables us to access additional medical resources and utilize emergency procurement policies. Until further notice, people should go about their normal lives with a few modifications to help limit the spread of the disease.”

Custer County Public Health began monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in February and activated an incident command on March 5, 2020. The World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020. That same day, Colorado Governor Jared Polis declared a State of Emergency.

“Our community is strong and we can face this challenge together,” Director of Custer County Public Health, Elisa Livengood, stated. “Now more than ever, it is important to take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19: stay home if you’re sick, thoroughly wash your hands, avoid close contact with people with flu-like symptoms, clean and disinfect surfaces frequently, sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, and avoid touching your face.”