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Dear Library patrons and Natrona County residents:

As you are likely aware, the first case of COVID-19 virus—known as the novel coronavirus—was confirmed by the Wyoming Department of Health Services yesterday evening.

As a public facility providing services to all demographics, including vulnerable populations, the Natrona County Library is actively seeking and receiving guidance from the Casper-Natrona County Health Department regarding which health and safety measures, if any, we need to have in place.

While we are not planning to cancel any programming at this time, some programming has been canceled by our presenting partners. We encourage any concerned patrons, especially those in high-risk populations, to stay home if they are feeling ill or are concerned about potential exposure.

We follow best practices for disinfecting as many hard surfaces in the Library as possible, and are removing any unnecessary items in children's areas such as toys, puzzles and other playthings that are difficult to clean and sanitize.

We also continue to follow best hygiene practices for workplaces—including regularly cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and equipment in our buildings, making hand sanitizer available to staff and patrons, and encouraging frequent hand-washing.

The Library does not currently disinfect borrowed materials when they are checked in or as they are browsed or used in-house, as disinfecting these types of items and materials is currently not recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One of the best roles we can play during this emerging COVID-19 threat is as information specialists. As you seek information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) please know your Library staff has reliable resources for accurate and up-to-date information. If you are practicing social distancing as a result of this virus, you can contact Library staff to get your questions answered (307-237-4935).

We will continue to communicate any impacts to our library services as a result of coronavirus. In the meantime, as a reminder, the Library has many digital services available to you for free, such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming video, databases, and digital subscriptions to newspapers and magazines.

Stay well,  
Lisa Scroggins, Executive Director  
**Natrona County Library System**