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RAVALLI COUNTY CORONAVIRUS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE

New Incident Commander and Volunteer Opportunities

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As of 10 a.m. today, March 20, 2020, there are no reported cases of Coronavirus in Ravalli County.

Dr. Carol Calderwood, Ravalli County Health Officer has assumed the role of Incident Commander for the Ravalli County Coronavirus Incident Management Team. Calderwood and former Incident Commander Burrows agreed that due to the increasing number of decisions that are completely within the authority of the Ravalli County Health department, the IC role transfers to the person/office with the most authority, which actually streamlines the process.

Beginning tomorrow, there will only be one release issued in the afternoon, unless there is pertinent information that the public needs. With the Governor's executive order to close businesses until March 27, most of what had been issued dealt with community access to businesses, etc.

In addition, said Calderwood, "We know there may be more people that need assistance. The Public Health Department is setting up a volunteer 'pool' to help people in need.

If volunteers meet the following requirements, call 406-375-6672:

Between the ages of 18 to 25

Have their own transportation

Live in a household without dependents or older housemates

Are available to work several hours

Want to be part of the solution

Our intent is to help citizens in need, but we don't want to unintentionally expose our volunteers or the people we are helping.

I am looking forward to working with the incident management team to help Ravalli

County and thank former IC Burrows for bringing us to this point.”

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