

Buhl Fire and Quick Response Unit

As public safety agencies we train and prepare for low frequency/ high priority events. Our first responders are trained to use self-protection equipment in order to keep our resources as robust as possible. The Buhl Fire Department and Quick Response Unit are working closely with regional partners to deal with any concerns over the COVID-19 issue. We have County wide collaboration of South Central Public Health District, EMS Rural Advisory, St. Luke's Paramedics, and neighboring fire and QRU agencies

We have the benefit of learning from areas that were first to see cases of COVID-19 in their areas. We have been given protocols by our EMS medical director based on best practices on how to handle suspected cases based on symptoms and recent travel in or out of our area. We are monitoring our current inventory of Personal Protective equipment as well as providing direction to our EMT's on equipment use. We will limit exposure with the use of high risk personal protective equipment as well as limiting contact with one EMS responder for initial patient screening.

I want to remind people that the best thing we can do as a community is stay calm and informed on what we can do to flatten the curve of cases so our current resources are not overwhelmed. Follow the Guidelines of the Governor's office. You can also follow our local South Central Public Health District's social media or website for information. Follow the recommendations for hygiene and social distancing. If anyone has questions or concerns about COVID-19, you can also call South Central Public Health District Monday- Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. at (208) 737-1138.

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