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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### CITY OF OURAY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ANNOUNCES PRECAUTIONARY ACTIONS AMID CONCERNS SURROUNDING COVID-19

Ouray, Colo. – Ouray City Council declared a state of emergency today during their regular city council meeting. By declaring an emergency, it allows local jurisdictions to receive resources from the State that it needs to respond to a disaster, such as this. Due to recent concerns surrounding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in line with state and local health agency guidelines and recommendations, the City of Ouray, in an abundance of caution, will be closing City Hall and the Ouray Hot Springs Pool and Fitness Center immediately. All events and meetings at the Ouray Community Center have been cancelled or postponed as well.

Local agencies are diligently working together to make sure that all emergency response plans are ready in case they need to be activated. City government, along with Ouray County, Ouray County Public Health, Ouray Tourism Office, Ouray and Ridgway Schools and all First Responders are actively meeting and staying up to date on new developments.

As of this writing, there are ZERO confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Ouray or Ouray County - but that could change. We are requesting all of our residents, visitors, and businesses to help do their part to reduce the spread of potential germs.

We are asking all community members to please remember to:

- Avoid or limit your visits to public places unless necessary
- Practice social distancing and keep at least 6 feet between you and the next person
- If possible, work from home
- If you are feeling sick with a cough, cold or fever symptoms, please STAY HOME
- Clean and disinfect hard surfaces frequently
- Wash your hands often, and wash for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Avoid contact with sick people

For more information, please see [cityofouray.com](http://cityofouray.com), [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) or [ouraycountyco.gov](http://ouraycountyco.gov)

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