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### For Immediate Release

### San Juan County Organizations are Planning to be Proactive

*Farmington, NM*—Currently, San Juan County has not been impacted by the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), but local organizations are in the process of planning for any potential impact.

Tuesday, representatives from numerous local first responder agencies, education, and governmental organizations met to develop a comprehensive plan should the Coronavirus reach the Four Corners. Preparation is vital to ensure the safety of our community members.

San Juan Regional Medical Center is the clearinghouse for information meant to keep our families safe. Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control includes action to take to prevent the spread of *any* communicable disease. Community members are encouraged to **cover a cough or sneeze, wash their hands often, and stay home if you are sick.**

Right now, prevention is key. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. That's why routine infection prevention measures, especially hand washing, are so important.

In order to protect yourself, your family and your community, stay up to date on the latest recommendations at <https://www.sanjuanregional.com/coronavirus> or through the Centers for Disease Control, where you can find more specific information on risks to different groups: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html>

Many local organizations are involved in this planning and prevention effort. Each is using Guidance from the New Mexico Department of Health and other state and national agencies. Agencies include:

San Juan Regional Medical Center

Cities of Aztec, Bloomfield, and Farmington, Town of Kirtland, San Juan County

Aztec School District, Central Consolidated School District, Bloomfield School District, Farmington Municipal Schools

San Juan College

Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington Police Departments, and San Juan County Sheriff's Office

Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, and San Juan County Fire Departments and San Juan Regional Medical Center  
Emergency Medical Services

The San Juan County Office of Emergency Management is currently monitoring the situation and coordinating with Navajo Nation Emergency Management as well as emergency management organizations in surrounding states and counties.

The health and safety of our community is top priority for all the groups mentioned. We will continue to work together for the benefit of the whole community.