



Dear Community Members:

With the number of cases of COVID-19 (commonly known as coronavirus) growing daily, Cameron continues to be actively engaged in efforts to prepare for and mitigate the impact of the virus on our community. To our knowledge, no one in our community has been confirmed to be positive for COVID-19. However, this could change rapidly so please reference www.cdc.org or IN.gov/ISDH/ for the most up-to-date resources.

I know some have questions or concerns around safety. Representatives from around the county have committed to daily meetings to discuss the on-going needs of our community. This collaboration brings open communication and cohesive efforts that position us to mobilize quickly should we need.

For all members of our community, I ask your assistance and patience as we proceed. Our response will be most successful if we do what Steuben County does best during challenging times: support one another and work together to protect our beloved community.

Members of the Cameron Incident Command Team are also meeting daily and working around the clock to support the health and safety of patients, coworkers, and community members in response to rapidly evolving circumstances. The team is also regularly updating the Cameron Facebook page with detailed information.

While all scheduled large-scale events have been canceled or postponed within the hospital, Cameron is monitoring developments and will make modifications accordingly and/or as required by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) or U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Environmental Service personnel continue to clean common areas, patient care areas, restrooms, and office spaces following industry standards and CDC guidelines and protocols.

Even with our team's hard work, expertise, and commitment, we are bound to face significant inconveniences, disruptions, uncertainties, and challenges in the weeks ahead. Public health situations like the one presented by COVID-19 are, by their very nature, unpredictable. We will continue to work with our local and state partners to prepare for and address new challenges that may arise. It's important to note that things will not look and feel "normal" as we work to keep stable patients suspected of having the virus out of the buildings, and confine exposure to a limited area.

Given the risks posed by the virus and how little is known about it, we will likely have to make some difficult choices. Our priority is the health and well-being of our community as we continue our commitment to our mission. Already, the virus has disrupted supply chains, some staffing, and educational programs. There could be many more challenges in the future.



Here are our specific asks:

- **Take care of yourself.** Steuben County community members work hard and are committed to showing up, even “powering through” a cold or fever. The best thing you can do for yourself, your friends, and your colleagues is to take care of yourself if you aren’t feeling well. Stay home from work if you’re ill. Get some rest, get any medical attention you need, and get yourself healthy.
- **Protect yourself and your family with precautions.** Wash your hands, and heed other advice from the [CDC](#) and local authorities.
- **Stay informed.** We will continue to update the [Cameron Facebook Page](#) with the latest relevant information and guidance. If you have questions, please consider this your first stop. Starting at 9am on 3/12 if you have further questions, you can direct them to our COVID-19 Resource Line at (260) 667-5555. A team member will be available to answer questions and connect you with relevant resources.

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and those who have died from the virus, and to all medical professionals who care for them.

Thank you for your continued patience as Cameron addresses this rapidly evolving situation. I also want to reiterate my thanks to the members of Cameron and the Steuben County Health Department team who are working diligently to ensure the health and well-being of every member of our community. Working together, I am confident that we will be able to navigate whatever lies ahead and support one another through this uncertain time.

Sincerely,

Connie McCahill

President and CEO

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