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The City of Klawock wants to assure the community that our City executive leadership and our EMS department remains ready to respond to patients suffering from symptoms of COVID-19 or any other type of medical emergencies. We have infectious disease protocols in place to protect our EMS responders and patients from exposure.

We care for each and every member of our community. We must advise our citizens that COVID-19 is extremely contagious. We ask that the general public avoid groups of 10 or more, wash your hands frequently, and refrain from touching your face. Maintain distances at least 6 feet from other people when at all possible. If you feel sick, please stay home. We also urge everyone to avoid contact with others as much as possible during this pandemic. If you are showing significant flu-like symptoms and have shortness of breath, call 911.

However, it is not in the best interest of our community for Klawock EMS to respond and transport patients who just want to be tested COVID-19 but are not showing severe symptoms of illness. We need our EMS responders to focus on responding to life-threatening emergencies in order to make sure our EMS system is not overloaded with unnecessary medical 911 calls during this crisis, especially when others may be in true need of emergency medical care.

We urge the community to not panic during this COVID-19 crisis. We will continue to work together as a community to get through this crisis. This is how we have always been throughout our history. Our strength to get through this crisis depends on our community not panicking, not being afraid, and helping each other like we always do.