



This is a serious time as the Coronavirus COVID-19 spreads through the country. The Town of Star Valley Ranch is taking steps to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its community. The Town would like to inform its part-time residents as they prepare to return for the summer. All part-time residents must consider the realities we all face so that all can return in a manner that ensures everyone's health. In order to return to your homes safely, please consider the recommendations explained below.

In an article titled *Star Valley Health advises part-time residents to reconsider traveling back to the area*, the SVI Staff (2020) explained that:

With a sizeable portion of the area population identifying as part-time summer residents, Star Valley is facing the possibility of many of those residents making preparations to return. With current conditions regarding the COVID-19 advising citizens to avoid discretionary travel, Star Valley Health produced the following statement:

To part-time residents of Star Valley:

'It is the recommendation of Star Valley Health that those part-time residents considering returning to Star Valley shelter in place and delay their return if possible. Those individuals 60 years of age and older or those with a serious underlying condition like: heart disease, diabetes or lung disease should follow CDC guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html> for those with high risk factors. It is particularly important to understand the risk associated with travel during this pandemic. Star Valley Health is well equipped to take care of the community's routine, emergency and surgical needs; however it is restricted in the number of patients that it can care for with severe respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19. It is important to take these factors into consideration when the decision is made to return to Star Valley.

We are here for you wherever you are' Sincerely,

The Town also recommends, if you are planning to travel home, to bring needed household goods and foods with you. The Star Valley's markets in the area are doing a great job attempting to keep up with excessively high demands. Most items on the shelves are rationed and are strictly limited. Toilet paper, paper towels, over the counter drugs, baby wipes, sanitary wipes and cleaning goods only last minutes on the shelves. Also, please consider that Star Valley Health only has twenty-two beds; the Valley's medical facilities and resources can become significantly strained if citizens do not employ proper precautions to curtail the spread of this virus.

The Town is recommending that you self-quarantine for 15 days, to slow the spread, upon your return. In the meantime, take your temperatures, check your health, wash your hands frequently, distance yourselves by 6 feet and self-isolate to ensure everyone's safety. The Town Hall doors are locked, but we are here to help you with your needs. Just give us a call (307) 883-8696 .

References:

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