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Routt County Grocery Stores Are Seeing Replenishment and Share Confidence in Their Supply Moving Forward

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, March 19, 2020 — Discussions were held on Tuesday, March 17 with representatives from stores in Steamboat Springs, Hayden, Oak Creek, Clark, and Yampa. Stores reported no changes in frequency of delivery; and contents of the delivery are the items that would normally be on their trucks.

Walmart manager, Tyler Larson, commented, “We are receiving deliveries on a regular basis, have the same number of trucks coming in, and no cancellations.” Representatives from the Clark Store, Hayden Mercantile, and Select Super all expressed the same assurance in their store receiving replenishments. Natural Grocers manager, Sean Backes, expressed his appreciation for everyone’s support and understanding.

While there are out-of-stocks on some products (like toilet paper and cleaning supplies), stores express confidence that items will be on replenishment trucks. “The biggest driver of the out of stocks on shelves is that people are over-purchasing,” said David “Mo” DeMorat, Routt County Emergency Operations Director “It would help our entire community if people would follow the recommendation to purchase just what you need for 5-7 days, less if you can shop on a more frequent basis.”

Some stores have reduced hours to facilitate stocking and cleaning, and some stores have or may be instituting special hours for seniors and other high-risk individuals to be able to shop in a less crowded environment. It’s recommended that you check updated hours if you shop early or late in the day.

Starting Thursday, March 19, Safeway stores in Colorado will reserve every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. for vulnerable shoppers who must leave home to obtain their groceries. Safeway asks that customers help reserve this shopping time for those most at risk in our communities. “We are sensitive to the fact that everyone is anxious to make sure they have the items they need, and we also know that everyone wants their neighbors to stay safe and healthy, too,” their statement says.

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