

COVID cases take toll on medical professionals

**(KLZA)-- The first U.S. Laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 in the U.S. occurred on January 20, 2020 in the state of Washington.**

**Since that time medical professionals across the country have dealt non-stop with the pandemic. On Monday, there were more than 500-thousand new cases reported in the U.S.**

**Ryan Larsen, Administrator of the Community Medical Center in Falls City says locally, healthcare workers are doing a great job, but they too are tired from the ongoing COVID cases.**

**Larsen said he is grateful for what the local medical professionals have done and continue to do and the sacrifices they, and their families make.**

**Larsen said many of the local medical community members including doctors, nurses, technicians and aids, are exhausted and at times it is noticeable but that they show up, cover for one another and continue to do their jobs and make sure patients are getting great care.**

**The latest figures from CMC indicate 414 tests for COVID-19 from December 13 – 27 with 327 negative results and 87 positive results which was a 20 percent positive rate.**

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