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4/12/2021 Crowley/Otero COVID-19 Update #1: Beginning of Week Status Update

Please take the time to read and understand this entire message.

Internet links: Before I send out each update, I check the links to make sure they are active. However, links do change from time to time, so the links I sent out today may not be the same tomorrow. You may have to search around a bit.

Happy to all. Please find below a COVID-19 status update for Crowley and Otero Counties:

1. Current COVID-19 Dial Status

✓ **Crowley:**

- Current Level: Green, Protect Our Neighbors (PON)
- Data time period: (3/28/2021-4/10/2021)
- Notes: Crowley is no longer Dial 2.0 compliant for Green Level, however we do remain Dial 3.0 compliant, though we are no longer “green across the board” due to recent increases in community cases. Please continue to remain diligent and do your part to keep our case numbers down.

✓ **Otero**

- Current Level: Green, Protect Our Neighbors (PON)
- Data time period: (3/28/2021-4/10/2021)
- Notes: Otero is no longer Dial 2.0 compliant for Green Level, however we do remain Dial 3.0 compliant, though we are 1 case away in our 7 day case count from being out of compliance. Please do your part to keep the case count down!

✓ **Dial 3.0 Green Level/PON Metric Thresholds**

- a. Seven day test positivity rate less than 5%
- b. Seven consecutive days with an incidence rate less than 35/100,000 people; OR
- c. Seven consecutive days with a rolling comparable case count between 0-10; AND
- d. Stable (no more than 25% increase) or declining counts of new confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in the county’s referral hospitals (as defined by the local public health agency) in the last 14 days compared to the previous 14 day period OR no more than 2 new hospital admissions on any day in the last 14 days.

e. You can find COVID-19 Dial Level Determinants and Level Restrictions here: [COVID-19 dial dashboard | Colorado COVID-19 Updates](#)

- ✓ **Crowley/Otero Hospitalizations:** We have had 1 recent COVID-19 hospital admission. This is our first since 2/25/2021.

2. Masks continue to be required in the following settings/places:

- ✓ Schools (including for extracurricular activities);
- ✓ Child care centers;
- ✓ Indoor children's camps;
- ✓ Public-facing state government facilities;
- ✓ Emergency medical and other healthcare settings (including hospitals, ambulance service centers, urgent care centers, non-ambulatory surgical structures, clinics, doctors' offices, and non-urgent care medical structures);
- ✓ Personal services (i.e. hair salons, nail salons, esthetician services, body art professionals, etc.);
- ✓ Limited health care settings as defined by Public Health Order (PHO) 20-36;
- ✓ Congregate care facilities (nursing facilities, assisted living residences, intermediate care facilities, and group homes); &
- ✓ Prisons and jails.

3. The social distancing order is still in place.

Until next time,

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