5/13/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero COVID-19 Update: New Positive Otero County Case

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

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New COVID-19 positive case

Hello to all. We have a newly identified positive COVID-19 case in Otero County.

Out of respect for patient privacy, we will only release the following information (No other information will be released at this time):

✓ Patient details
  o is a resident of Otero County.
  o was placed in isolation after receiving the positive test result.
  o close contacts have been placed in quarantine.
  o age: 50s
  o is feeling better.
  o The results of our epidemiological investigation strongly suggests that this individual was infected while they were out of the county.

Crowley/Otero case numbers updates: Our current COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed case counts for Crowley and Otero Counties are as follows (as of the time of this writing Monday, 5/13/2020):

✓ 39-Crowley County case
  o Deceased: 1
  o Prison: 37
✓ 11-Otero County cases
  o Deceased: 1
✓ TOTAL Crowley/Otero Cases: 50

State of Colorado (Note: this summary only includes data through 4 pm 5/11/2020 and does not reflect cases since then)

✓ 20,157 cases
✓ 3,695 hospitalized (view hospital data: https://covid19.colorado.gov/hospital-data)
✓ 60 counties (view incidence and epidemic curve data: https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/incidence-epidemic-curve)
✓ 109,304 people tested
✓ 1009 deaths (view surveillance data: https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/surveillance-data)
✓ 199 outbreaks (view outbreak data: https://covid19.colorado.gov/outbreak-data)
✓ Thanks Dr. Monaghan, of the state health department, for keeping us informed!
What can you do RIGHT NOW?

✓ Read, understand, and comply with public health orders! Public health orders can be found here: https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-in-colorado/public-health-executive-orders-resource

✓ Stay home if you are sick and, if needed, call your medical provider.

✓ Wear an appropriate mask if you must go out for an essential activity.

✓ If you are in a high risk group, take extra precautions.

✓ Cover your cough and/or sneeze.

✓ Keep your fingers and hands away from your face.

✓ Wash your hands a lot.

✓ Stay informed by trusted and reliable sources. Be careful about believing what you read on social media sites. Trusted sources/websites:
  - OCHD: https://www.oterogov.com
  - Centers for Disease Control: https://www.cdc.gov
  - CO State Health Department: https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe

✓ Do these things so you will be prepared, and not scared.

✓ And remember, “This too shall pass.”

Until next time,

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