

3/24/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero Update: POSITIVE COVID-19 Case In Otero County
THIS IS A RAPIDLY EVOLVING AND FLUID SITUATION. INFORMATION AND ACTION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME. BE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE AND PATIENT

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS WIDELY

3/24/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero Update: POSITIVE COVID-19 Case In Otero County

Hello to all. This morning (Tuesday 3/24/2020) the Otero County Health Department (OCHD) received a lab report on a resident from Otero County that has tested positive to COVID-19.

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

- ✓ The patient
 - was previously quarantined while awaiting the test results
 - was placed into isolation after receiving the positive test results
 - is a resident of Otero County
 - age: 40s
 - is recovering

Our priority tasks this morning will be epidemiological contact investigations, risk assessments, and patient isolation information (disease control and containment measures) based upon the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. We will specifically be looking into any possible connections to the Crowley County case.

If you feel the need to talk about this, we have a special line open, 719-383-3050.

All media requests will go through our Public Information Officer (PIO), Amy Tanabe, at 719-383-3000.

I am hoping to release a Public Health Matters article in the future that will give you some insight into epidemiological risk assessments, please watch for it.

Richard Ritter, Executive Director
Otero County Health Department
13 West 3rd Street, Room 111
La Junta, Colorado 81050
719-383-3045 (Office)
719-383-3060 (Fax)
rritter@otero.gov

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

The information contained in this communication and any attachments hereto is strictly confidential and is intended only for the personal and confidential use of the addressee(s). If you, as the reader of this message, are not an intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, use, distribution, or copying of this communication and any attachment(s) is strictly prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately at 719-383-3040 and shred and/or delete the original message.