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4/29/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero COVID-19 Update: Two New Positive Otero County Cases Found Using Rapid Test

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Two new COVID-19 positive cases

Hello to all. Using our newly acquired rapid testing equipment, today we have found two positive COVID-19 cases 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 #1
  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: 20s
  o is recovering.

☑ Patient #2
  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: 40s
  o is recovering.

There is a very strong connection between both of these cases, and we strongly suspect that the first case to develop COVID-19 contracted it outside of the county and transmitted it to the other patient.

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, 4/29/2020):

☑ 2-Crowley County case (1-deceased)
☑ 10-Otero County cases (1-deceased)
☑ TOTAL Crowley/Otero Cases: 12

State of Colorado (Note: this summary only includes data through 4 pm 4/27/2020 and does not reflect cases since then)

☑ 14,316 cases
☑ 2,571 hospitalized view hospital data (view hospital data: https://covid19.colorado.gov/hospital-data)
What can you do RIGHT NOW?


✓ 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](https://www.oterogov.com)
  - Centers for Disease Control: [https://www.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
  - CO State Health Department: [https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe](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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