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

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

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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
 - is a resident of Otero County.
 - was placed in isolation after receiving the positive test result.
 - close contacts have been placed in quarantine.
 - age: 20s
 - is recovering.
- ✓ Patient #2
 - is a resident of Otero County.
 - was placed in isolation after receiving the positive test result.
 - close contacts have been placed in quarantine.
 - age: 40s
 - 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>)

- ✓ 56 counties (view incidence and epidemic curve data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/incidence-epidemic-curve>)
- ✓ 67,094 people tested
- ✓ 736 deaths (view surveillance data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/surveillance-data>)
- ✓ 149 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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