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5/22/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero COVID-19 Update: New Positive Crowley/Otero County Cases

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

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New COVID-19 positive cases

Hello to all. This week we have newly identified positive COVID-19 cases in both Crowley and 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
 - 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.
 - The results of our epidemiological investigation strongly suggests that this individual was infected while they were out of the county.

- ✓ Patient details
 - Is a resident of Otero County.
 - Was placed in isolation after receiving the positive test result.
 - Close contacts have been placed in quarantine.
 - Age: 50s
 - Is recovering.

- We believe that we have identified the source of infection.
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 - Close contacts have been placed in quarantine.
 - Age: 20s
 - Is recovering.
 - We believe that we have identified the source of infection.
- ✓ 5 new positive COVID-19 cases at the Crowley County Correctional Facility (CCCF) in Olney Springs.
 - The new cases are all inmates.
 - Inmates have been placed into isolation.

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 Friday, 5/22/2020):

- ✓ 44-Crowley County case
 - Not deceased: 1
 - Deceased: 1
 - Prison: 42
- ✓ 14-Otero County cases
 - Not deceased: 13
 - Deceased: 1
- ✓ TOTAL Crowley/Otero Cases: 58
- ✓ Depending on report timing, OCHD's totals may not exactly reflect CDPHE's totals on their website (Here is the website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/case-data>)
 - Scroll down until you see the Colorado map, and then select "Case Counts" from the dropdown box on the upper right side of the map.

State of Colorado (Note: this summary only includes data through 4 pm 5/20/2020 and does not reflect cases since then)

- ✓ 23,191 cases
- ✓ 4,037 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>)
- ✓ 139,937 people tested

- ✓ 1,310 deaths among cases (view surveillance data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/surveillance-data>)
- ✓ 1,062 deaths due to COVID-19
- ✓ 256 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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