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.

Internet links: Before I send out each update, I check the links to make sure they are active. However, links do change from time to time, so the links I sent out today may not be the same tomorrow. You may have to search around a bit.

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
  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.
  o The results of our epidemiological investigation strongly suggests that this individual was infected while they were out of the county.

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  o Is a resident of Otero County.
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We believe that we have identified the source of infection.

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✓ 5 new positive COVID-19 cases at the Crowley County Correctional Facility (CCCF) in Olney Springs.
  o The new cases are all inmates.
  o 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
  o Not deceased: 1
  o Deceased: 1
  o Prison: 42

✓ 14-Otero County cases
  o Not deceased: 13
  o 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](https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/case-data))
  o 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](https://covid19.colorado.gov/hospital-data))
✓ 60 counties (view incidence and epidemic curve data: [https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/incidence-epidemic-curve](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:
  o OCHD: https://www.oterogov.com
  o Centers for Disease Control: https://www.cdc.gov
  o 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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