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**5/8/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero COVID-19 Update: New Positive Crowley County Cases at the Crowley County Correctional Facility**

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

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**New COVID-19 positive cases**

Hello to all. This morning we were informed of 35 new positive COVID-19 cases at the Crowley County Correctional Facility (CCCF) in Olney Springs. Details are as follows:

- ✓ 299 inmates were tested.
- ✓ All the newly positive cases are inmates.
- ✓ The Otero County Health Department (OCHD), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and CCCF are working on this now. This is very early in the process, information may change, please stay tuned.
- ✓ All positive inmates have been in isolation for days.
- ✓ The facility is on lockdown.
- ✓ Early investigation suggests that the majority of positive inmates were asymptomatic (were not showing any signs or symptoms).
- ✓ So far, this has been contained to only 1 pod at the facility.

I have identified the specific location in this instance for these 2 reasons:

- ✓ To let our residents know that this is not an outbreak within a town.
- ✓ CDPHE publishes this specific information on facility outbreaks anyway, and that report can be found here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/outbreak-data>
  - The facilities are alphabetized, and if you scroll down you can find CCCF.
    - CCCF numbers had not yet been updated on the CDPHE website at the time of this writing.

**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, 5/4/2020):

- ✓ 39-Crowley County case
  - Deceased: 1
  - Prison: 37
- ✓ 10-Otero County cases
  - Deceased: 1
- ✓ TOTAL Crowley/Otero Cases: 49

**State of Colorado** (Note: this summary only includes data through 4 pm 5/6/2020 and does not reflect cases since then)

- ✓ 18,371 cases
- ✓ 3,557 hospitalized view hospital data (view hospital data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/hospital-data>)
- ✓ 59 counties (view incidence and epidemic curve data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/incidence-epidemic-curve>)
- ✓ 92,267 people tested
- ✓ 944 deaths (view surveillance data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/surveillance-data>)
- ✓ 178 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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