6/1/2020 #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. We have newly identified positive COVID-19 cases in Crowley & Otero County.

Out of respect for patient privacy, we will only release the following information:

✓ 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: 60s
  o Is recovering.
  o At this point our epidemiological investigation has not identified a clear source for the infection.

✓ Patient details
  o Is a resident of Crowley County.
  o Was placed in isolation after receiving the positive test result.
  o Close contacts have been placed in quarantine.
  o Age: 40s
  o Was asymptomatic.
  o We believe that we have identified the source of infection.
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, 6/1/2020):

✓ 64-Crowley County cases
  o Not deceased: 3
  o Deceased: 1
  o Prison: 60

✓ 19-Otero County cases
  o Not deceased: 18
  o Deceased: 1

✓ TOTAL Crowley/Otero Cases: 83

✓ 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)
  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 5/28/2020 and does not reflect cases since then)

✓ 25,613 cases

✓ 4,307 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)

✓ 173,300 people tested

✓ 1,436 deaths among cases (view surveillance data: https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/surveillance-data)

✓ 1,181 deaths due to COVID-19

✓ 277 outbreaks (view outbreak data: https://covid19.colorado.gov/outbreak-data)

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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