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6/30/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero COVID-19 Update: Bent, Crowley, Otero (BCO) Variance Extension; Protect Our Neighbor Framework; Local Case Counts

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.

Hello to all. I have some important updates to share with you:

1. **Bent, Crowley, Otero (BCO) Variance Extension:** Our current BCO Variance has been extended until further notice, which means that it will not expire at midnight on 6/30/2020.
 - ✓ I will inform you ASAP if any state Public Health Orders (PHO) modifies any or all of the variance.
2. **Protect Our Neighbors Phase:** Details on the protect Our Neighbors (PON) phase were released today, 6/30/2020. You can access information on PON by going to the following website:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Eww5S6uQcs8eVxBpZ54TAsd4o6kNfQ6E/view>

Our current, local variance is a 3 county region (Bent, Crowley, Otero), so the plan at this time is to apply for PON as a 3 county region. I will let you know when the application is submitted.

3. **Local Case Counts:** For the time being, I will not be sending email updates as to individual case counts, though this may change later on. At any time, you can access statewide (including Crowley and Otero) case counts at the following 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.

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 Tuesday, 6/30/2020):

- ✓ 70-Crowley County cases
 - Not deceased: 69
 - Deceased: 1
 - Prison inmates: 65
- ✓ 22-Otero County cases
 - Not deceased: 21
 - Deceased: 1
- ✓ TOTAL Crowley/Otero Cases: 92
- ✓ CDPHE case count 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 6/29/2020 and does not reflect cases since then)

- ✓ 32,511 cases
- ✓ 5,442 hospitalized (view hospital data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/hospital-data>)
- ✓ 61 counties (view incidence and epidemic curve data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/incidence-epidemic-curve>)
- ✓ 320,997 people tested
- ✓ 1,682 deaths among cases (view surveillance data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/surveillance-data>)
- ✓ 1,508 deaths due to COVID-19
- ✓ 353 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:
 - 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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