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**6/8/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero COVID-19 Update: New Positive Crowley 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. We have newly identified positive COVID-19 cases in Crowley County.

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

- ✓ 2 new positive COVID-19 cases at the Crowley County Correctional Facility (CCCF) in Olney Springs.
  - Both new cases are 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 Monday, 6/8/2020):

- ✓ 66-Crowley County cases
  - Not deceased: 3
  - Deceased: 1
  - Prison: 62
- ✓ 21-Otero County cases
  - Not deceased: 20
  - Deceased: 1
- ✓ TOTAL Crowley/Otero Cases: 87

- ✓ 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 6/4/2020 and does not reflect cases since then)

- ✓ 27,615 cases
- ✓ 4,472 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>)
- ✓ 205,761 people tested
- ✓ 1,524 deaths among cases (view surveillance data: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/surveillance-data>)
- ✓ 1,274 deaths due to COVID-19
- ✓ 296 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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