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Delta, Colorado, May 6, 2020 – Delta County Daily Update

UPDATED Testing Information: Delta County Health Department is reporting 0 additional cases today; our total remains 52. We are reporting that 33 individuals have recovered.

33 individuals have tested positive; 19 individuals have been in close contact with an individual who tested positive, and have experienced COVID-19 symptom, and one death is being reported.

To date, 481 tests have been administered in Delta County; 38 tests are pending.

Colorado Department of Education Graduation Guidance

Delta County Health Department worked in tangent with Delta County School District to come up with a solution to be able to honor the 2020 graduation ceremonies throughout the County. Unfortunately, the Colorado Department Public Health and Environment, and the State of Colorado did not include guidelines for graduation in their most recent public health orders, and thus guidelines were put forth by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE):

- Gatherings larger than 10 are not permitted.
- Vulnerable individuals must remain at home.
- Individuals who are sick must remain at home.
- All participants should be screened for fever and symptoms before entering.
- All participants, including graduates, administrators, guests or family members, must remain at least six feet apart at all times.
- Mark 6 feet sections to help individuals understand what 6 feet looks like. You can use small flags, tape, balloons, etc. Indicate that people should stand on or by the markers and remain 6 feet from each other.
- To comply with the six-foot spacing, handshaking and hugs should not occur.
- If chairs are provided, they must be disinfected before and after use by school staff using proper protocol.
- All participants must wear cloth face coverings at all times.
- Ceremonies must be held outside.
- Inside ceremonies cannot occur.
- Diplomas, awards, medals, programs, etc. must not be handed out.
- Sharing or exchanging materials of any kind poses an increased risk for transmission/spread of COVID-19 and must not occur. (Throwing graduation caps, "Sign-in" practices, gifts, flowers, etc).

Additional information from CDE:

- We do not anticipate any additional guidance on graduation ceremonies in the near future. This guidance is essentially no in-person graduation (indoors or out) unless attendance **is limited to 10 or fewer** (including students, family, school officials, etc).
- "Groups" (as in groups of 10 or fewer) are defined as participating in the same event/activity. For example, multiple groups of 10 or fewer all participating in a graduation ceremony, even if groups are distanced from each other, would be considered the same activity and still be limited to 10 total individuals.
- As the Governor has clearly stated publicly many times that no graduations can be held, we do not recommend variance requests for graduations as those would not likely be granted.

Colorado Symptom Tracker

The State health department launched a symptom tracker survey as part of statewide COVID-19 tracking. The symptom tracker will appear on the "[Do you have symptoms?](#)" webpage on the COVID-19 website. Data from the tracker will provide local public health agencies with data for their coverage area. This could help public health officials understand when outbreaks are occurring in given locations and, in some cases, follow up with certain individuals who may need additional support. Knowing about potential outbreaks more immediately can help inform decisions to take action at the local level. Delta County Residents are encouraged to call the Delta County Health Department at 970-874-2172 if they need assistance in filling out the symptom tracker; they are available Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Delta County Business Recovery Center

To help facilitate the reopening process for businesses in Delta County, and to adhere to requirements set out in Governor Polis' "Safer at Home" Executive Order and State Public Health Orders, all businesses that haven't been open must complete and submit the **Checklist for Business/Facility Reopening**. *Approval of this form is not required to open your business.* A copy will be kept on file by the Health Department to demonstrate you are in compliance with CDPHE health requirements.

Guidelines for how you reopen your business can be found at <http://deltacounty.com/694/Business-Guidance>.

Information on Delta County's COVID Business Recovery Support Loan Fund can be found on Delta County's website at: <http://deltacounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/11641/Delta-County-Business-Loan-Fund-Packet>

Mental Health Assistance:

- Center for Mental Health: 970-252-6220 or text "Talk" to 38255
- A KIDZ Clinic: 970-874-2753 or Text: 970-901-0445
- Families Plus: 970-874-0464 or Text: 970-433-6835
- Colorado Crisis Hotline: 844-493-TALK (8255) or Text "Talk" to 38255

Delta County Resources:

- www.deltacounty.com/COVID-19
- deltahospital.org/getpage.php?ame=Novel_Coronavirus_%28COVID-19%29
- <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html