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Delta, Colorado, May 8, 2020 – Delta County Daily Update

UPDATED Testing Information: Delta County Health Department is reporting 1 additional case today of a female in her 50's, who is self-isolating at home. This brings our total case count to 54, with 42 individuals now recovered

35 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, 551 tests have been administered in Delta County; 65 tests are pending.

What is an Antibody test?

We have received a lot of questions regarding antibody testing, in Delta County.

Antibody test is used 10-14 days AFTER the infection to see if there has been exposure to disease. The Antibody test can be done among patients who are curious if they have been exposed to coronavirus in the past. This test is not useful until patients are more than 10 days out from their symptoms and should not be used to assume immunity. Sometimes these tests can be falsely positive. The Antibody test is most useful to assess frequency of disease within a certain population, rather than of clinical use to doctors.

Remember, this test is only useful in retrospect, and can be falsely negative if you check it too soon in the course of the infection. In addition, doctors have NOT shown that a positive test says that you are immune to infection with coronavirus, so even if you are positive you should continue to practice self-isolation. This is especially true if you are a higher risk patient.

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



Darnell Place-Wise
Public Information Officer
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- 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