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Delta, Colorado, May 11, 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 55, with 44 individuals now recovered

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

To date, 582 tests have been administered in Delta County; 16 tests are pending.

Delta County Update:

Delta County's Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously today to submit a variance request, for the remainder of Safer at Home order, to Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE), with specific reopening guidance for restaurants, fitness facilities, and places of worship. There is expected to be a delay in response from the Governor's office and CDPHE, due to a significant number of variances being submitted across the state.

This is an application process, and nothing has been approved; Delta County continues to adhere to the Safer at Home order.

- Restaurants - carry out only, no table service inside or outside.
- Personal training services for up to 4 people at a time.
- Pastoral Services are approved for gatherings of up to 10, ensuring a minimum of 6 feet of separation.

A copy of the full variance request documentation can be found at www.deltacounty.com.

Below is a **small portion of the guidance** for each category that was submitted in the variance request:

Restaurants and Dining Rooms

- Restaurants shall limit the number of customers seated at interior dining spaces to 30% of the occupancy rate as dictated by fire code.
- **BARS WILL REMAIN CLOSED**, including those that are a part of restaurants; no guests are permitted in the bar area.
- Customers are not permitted to wait in lobby area, or form a line to wait for a table; restaurants should consider a reservation-only business model.
- Any exterior seating must adhere to the same social distancing and cleaning/sanitizing guidelines.
- Group party size is limited to six (6) members of single household.
- All restaurant and dining room playground shall remain closed.

Fitness Facilities

- Facility access restricted to staffed hours only and occupancy will be limited to maintain 6 ft. social distancing with no more than 30% of occupancy capacity per exercise room as dictated by fire code.
- Social Distancing guidelines must be implemented.
- **Showers, locker rooms, and lockers will remain closed until further notice.**
- **Swimming pools, hot tubs, and saunas will remain closed.**
- **Basketball courts, racquetball courts, will remain closed**, as well as any other places where formal or informal group team sports occur.
- Cardio machines usage restricted and based on social distancing guidelines.
- **Youth and adult leagues / sports should remain closed.**
- Customer screening for illness upon entry into facility.

Places of Worship

- Places of worship may have up to **30% of occupancy rate as dictated by the fire code but no greater than 50 participants**.
- A minimum of 6 ft. in distance must be maintained at all times seated or standing.
- Participants should be questioned as to COVID-19 symptoms; if symptomatic they must refrain from attending, and self-isolate for 7-10 days.

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