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**Delta, Colorado, May 12, 2020 – Delta County Daily Update**

**UPDATED Testing Information:** Delta County Health Department is reporting 0 new cases today; our total case count remains at 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, 620 tests have been administered in Delta County; 57 tests are pending.

**What does recovery mean?**

Recovery is determined on a person-by-person basis. Individuals with COVID-19 develop symptoms differently. The Delta County Health Department (DCHD) checks in with the individual at 4 days and 8 days after being reported, and determines if their symptoms are improving. They check in again at two weeks and if their symptoms have improved, they have not developed any new symptoms, and have not had a fever, the individual is then considered to be recovered. If their symptoms have not improved, DCHD continues to follow their care with their physician until they are recovered.

**How is a close contact defined?**

A close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for at least a period of 10 minutes to 30 minutes or more depending upon the exposure. When DCHD completes case investigations, they look at each contact and their exposure risk; they then consider them at a high, medium, low-risk, or no risk. DCHD follows up with all high, medium, and low-risk contacts for quarantine and symptom monitoring.

**What is meant by community spread?**

Community spread means DCHD has not been able to "locate where" the individual came into contact with COVID-19. To determine if there is community spread, they needed at least three cases (based on our population size) to be able to say that Delta County has COVID-19 cases are now community spread.

**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>



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**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](http://www.deltacounty.com/COVID-19)
- [deltahospital.org/getpage.php?ame=Novel\\_Coronavirus\\_%28COVID-19%29](http://deltahospital.org/getpage.php?ame=Novel_Coronavirus_%28COVID-19%29)
- <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)