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Delta, Colorado, May 18, 2020 – Delta County Daily Update

UPDATED Testing Information: Delta County Health Department is reporting 0 new cases; our total case count remains at 55, with 51 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, 729 tests have been administered in Delta County; 18 tests are pending.

We have seen a great deal of **misinformation** on social media regarding wearing face masks, and the notion that they lead to hypoxia. That line of thinking is false.

What is Hypoxia?

Hypoxia is a condition in which the body or a region of the body is deprived of adequate oxygen supply at the tissue level.

Does wearing a face covering or mask cause Hypoxia?

There is no solid scientific evidence that wearing masks causes hypoxia or cognitive impairment. Doctors and healthcare workers who work in operating rooms wear them for hours a day and there has been no evidence that these people have had cognitive decline.

Are there individuals seeking medical attention due to wearing masks and suspected Hypoxia?

Delta County Memorial Hospital is not reporting any individual coming into the ER due to low oxygen due to wearing a face covering or mask.

As always, if you have difficulty breathing, and removing your face covering or mask does not alleviate the problem, contact your primary care physician or call 9-1-1.

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