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**Delta, Colorado, May 20, 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. This is the ninth consecutive day of reporting no new cases of COVID-19, in Delta County.

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, 811 tests have been administered in Delta County; 58 tests are pending.

**Delta County Update**

Delta County submitted a variance request to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on Monday, May 4. At that time, 23 other counties had also submitted variance requests. We heard back from CDPHE today, and we are sitting at #3 in the queue for review by two additional individuals as well as the final review and approval/denial by Jill Ryan, CDPHE's Executive Director.

"We know that the Governor is going to come out with new restaurant guidance either Friday or next Monday, we were really hoping to get this approved before then to give our local restaurants an opportunity to take advantage of the holiday weekend," said Delta County Commissioner Chair Mark Roeber, "We just want to get all of our business back to work!"

**State Update**

The State of Colorado has drafted proposed guidelines for use when it's safe to start easing COVID-19 related safety restrictions for restaurants. The draft is available for input through Friday, May 22. The draft guidelines can be found at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MS\\_jLBNUi28Sr3tcHTXJuHY\\_3MPdPyU5/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MS_jLBNUi28Sr3tcHTXJuHY_3MPdPyU5/view). The restaurant guidance feedback form can be found at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9nJNPpAs60dU61v8J-rQLs5uECuCVA5VWbB\\_f2uMr3aRmyQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9nJNPpAs60dU61v8J-rQLs5uECuCVA5VWbB_f2uMr3aRmyQ/viewform).

**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/](http://https://covid19.colorado.gov/)
- [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)