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UPDATED Testing Information: Delta County Health Department is reporting no new cases; our total case count remains at 67 with 62 individuals now recovered.

38 individuals have tested positive; 29 individuals have been in close contact with an individual who tested positive, and have experienced COVID-19 symptoms, and one death is being reported.

There are many different types of tests that are being thrown around in the media; a breakdown of tests is below:

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Molecular (Swab) Test

This test uses a long swab to collect material, including physical pieces of coronavirus, from the back of the nose where it meets the throat. A positive result indicates that viral genetic material is present, but it does not indicate that bacterial or other infections also are present. A negative result indicates that the SARS-CoV2 virus that causes the COVID-19 disease was not found. It is possible to have a very low level of the virus in the body with a negative test result. This test is needed to identify the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the COVID-19 disease.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Antibody (Serology) Test

This is a blood test. It is designed to detect antibodies (immunoglobulins, IgG and IgM) against the coronavirus that causes the disease called COVID-19. Antibodies are proteins produced by the immune system in response to an infection and are specific to that particular infection. They are found in the liquid part of blood specimens, which is called serum or plasma, depending on the presence of clotting factors. IgM and IgG may either be ordered together or separately.

Having an antibody test is helpful if:

- your health care provider believes you may have been exposed to the coronavirus which causes COVID19 based on your current or previous signs and symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, difficulty breathing);
- you live in or have recently traveled to a place where transmission of COVID-19 is known to occur;
- you have been in close contact with an individual suspected of or confirmed to have COVID-19; or
- you have recovered from COVID-19.

Antibody Test for IgG

This test detects IgG antibodies that develop in most patients within seven to 10 days after symptoms of COVID-19 begin. IgG antibodies remain in the blood after an infection has passed. These antibodies indicate that you may have had COVID-19 in the recent past and have developed antibodies that may protect you from future infection. It is unknown at this point how much protection antibodies might provide against reinfection.

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Antibody Test for IgM

This test detects IgM antibodies. IgM is usually the first antibody produced by the immune system when a virus attacks. A positive IgM test indicates that you may have been infected and that your immune system has started responding to the virus. When IgM is detected you may still be infected, or you may have recently recovered from a COVID-19 infection.

Symptomatic individuals can obtain a COVID-19 test at Delta County Health Department, North Fork EMS, Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) and its clinics, as well as DCMH's Urgent Care. Additionally, DCMH offers a COVID-19 Antibody IgG that goes to MAYO medical laboratories which is their reference lab.

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

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