

DELTA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Delta, Colorado (December 31, 2020): COVID-19 Update from Delta County

As we come to the end of 2020, we want to say thank you to all Delta County residents for your resilience and patience in what we can only describe as one of the most wearying years we have collectively ever endured. We are proud of the way many residents and businesses stepped up for healthcare workers, the schools, our businesses community, and all of Delta County. While we know we still have a long way to go in our fight against COVID-19, we are ending this year with a bright note; vaccines are being administered, and our numbers are starting to trend down.

We encourage everyone to PLEASE take care of yourselves, and stay as healthy as possible to not only minimize the possibility of contracting COVID-19, but to protect yourself from getting the flu, and even the common cold. We know that the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7 has been identified in Colorado; early evidence seems to show that this mutation spreads more quickly, but that the vaccines should cover this mutation. As exhausted as we are with wearing masks, keeping distance from others, and incessantly washing our hands, it's critically important to continue with these measures even after you've been vaccinated.

Delta County Health Department, in conjunction with Project Protect Promotora Network, Delta County Memorial Hospital, and Curative, Inc., will be conducting mobile COVID-19 testing on Friday, January 8, 2021 and Saturday, January 9, 2021. Friday, January 8, the mobile test site will be located at Lion's Pavilion, near Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta, from 9:00am– 4:00pm. Saturday, January 9th, the mobile test site will be located at the Delta County Fairgrounds located at 403 S. 4th St., in Hotchkiss, from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Delta County Health Department continues to administer vaccines to the priority groups in phase 1A, and will be working with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to develop the local implementation of the governor's prioritization in phase 1B, which will begin as soon as phase 1A is complete. Additional information on the COVID-19 vaccines can be found at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine>.

Delta County reported 7 new positive cases today for a total of **1579** with 231 active and 1323 recovered. We currently have 9 individuals hospitalized. Sadly, Delta County Health Department is reporting 3 additional deaths this week bringing the total to 25; we send our deepest condolences to each family, and ask the community at large to respect their privacy.

Delta County recently received information from the State that COVID-19 cases from the State correctional facility, located in Delta County, would now be a part of our overall case count; the numbers dating back to March have been added and will continue to be a part of our positive case count, though because it's a State run facility, we are not at liberty to provide additional information.

Mental Health Assistance:

If you or someone you know feel depression, despair, anxiety, grief, or hopelessness during this holiday season, know that you are not alone. There are many resources available to help you get through this time. There are many people who want to help, and many things you can do to help you cope.

- 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 has two community test sites: **Delta County Health Department**, located at 255 W. 6th St., in Delta. Tests are by appointment only Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Call 970-874-2172. You can also get tested at **North Fork EMS**, located at 110 E. Hotchkiss Avenue, in Hotchkiss. Appointments are Mondays and Wednesdays only. Call for an appointment at 970-778-7426.

For additional COVID-19 resources, click [here](#) to see Delta County's COVID-19 resource page and [here](#) for the State's COVID-10 resource page.

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