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Delta, Colorado, March 27, 2020 – Delta County COVID-19 Response Efforts and Updates

Delta, CO – Due to Governor Polis' Stay at Home Executive Order, Delta County has implemented their remote work plan for Delta County employees. "It's been an eventful week", said Delta County Administrator Robbie LeValley, "The one thing that has been a constant in this ever changing dynamic is people working together, our communities coming together to hold up and support one another. We will get through. This is going to be our new normal for a few more weeks, but if we can just hang in there, and abide by what's been ordered, we are hoping we can get back to what we know and love about Delta County sooner rather than later!"

Delta County wants to thank everyone who has offered to volunteer, donate to the first responders, construct face masks and shields, and pitch in wherever needed. Community members are making meals, grocery shopping, and calling to check in on their friends and neighbors.

The County facilitated the purchase of critical equipment for Delta County Memorial Hospital and Delta County Public Health Department continues to provide support for our senior populations, their facilities and their preparedness to address COVID-19. There is a concentrated effort to address needs from our vulnerable populations and that coordination takes all of our partners.

The City of Delta's Police Department wants to assure the citizens of Delta that they are taking the necessary precautions to maintain Social Distancing to keep everyone healthy and our community safe. Delta PD Officers are on duty 24/7 responding to calls for service. If you have an Emergency call 911. To request services, call dispatch at 970-874-2015. Delta PD's Admin staff is available Monday –Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and can be reached at 970-874-7676 or via email at: pdinfo@cityofdelta.net.

Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) implemented further visitation restrictions to reduce the number of people in the hospital and the possibility of spreading coronavirus to patients and staff. At this time visitors will no longer be allowed. A limited number of exceptions have been made with appropriate screenings and other specific restrictions for areas such as the OB Department, Compassionate considerations for end-of-life and for Pediatric Patients (under the age of 18). There will also be no visitors allowed in the Emergency Department.

The main entrance of the Hospital is now closed during the weekend and entry is being redirected through the Emergency Room Entrance. For further specifications, please refer to the DCMH website at deltahospital.org or Facebook.com/DCMH.

Starting this past week, DCMH clinics implemented the telemedicine option for patients. Telemedicine helps bridge the gap between people, physicians and health systems through virtual channels. This will help minimize the potential spread of coronavirus during this time.



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DCMH continues to do COVID-19 testing to hospitalized, critically ill patients, healthcare personnel appropriate for testing and those on a case-by-case basis. To date, DCMH has performed 114 COVID-19 tests. 95 have come back negative and they are still awaiting results for 19 tests.

Delta County School District (DCSD) will begin distance learning for all students on Monday. Buildings will be closed to students; staff will be present on a rotating basis to complete their various tasks. School Offices will be open for a limited time each day, and DCSD will continue to provide lunch and breakfast for all students Monday - Friday, at the current countywide pick-up locations.

“I just can’t thank everyone enough, for the incredible work ethic, and dedication to this effort”, said Mark Roeber, Delta County Commissioner Chair, “Delta County is an incredible place, and we will get through this together.”