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Delta, Colorado, April 13, 2020 – Delta County Daily Update

 **UPDATED Testing Information:**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is reporting 7 positive cases in Delta County. Delta County Health Department is investigating the seventh case; the individual is a female in her 30's who is self-isolating.

To date, 168 tests have been administered at Delta County Memorial Hospital. The results are 162 negative, 2 positive, and 4 pending.

Delta County Health Department is reporting 1 death of a Delta County resident in their 70's, who had underlying medical conditions, and had been a resident at an assisted living facility outside of Delta County.

Delta County Memorial Hospital continues to follow the same criteria that is followed regionally in that they are testing high-risk, hospitalized inpatients, essential and symptomatic healthcare workers, and individuals on a case-by-case basis.

What to do if you're sick:

- <https://covid19.colorado.gov/isolation-and-quarantine>
- Self-Isolate. If you develop a fever, cough or shortness of breath you may need to call your healthcare provider. Do not show up at a clinic, urgent care or the emergency department without calling ahead.
- Wear a mask and cover your cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands frequently and don't share personal items (drinking glass or utensils) with others.
- If possible, sleep in a bedroom and use a bathroom that is not used by other household members.
- Getting rest and drinking plenty of fluids will likely be helpful for recovery.

Public Health officials also recommend residents prepare for an emergency that might require them to stay at home for several days, including having food supplies, water and medications.

Protect yourself:

- Stay at home: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/stay-home-except-essential-needs>
- Wear a mask when you leave your home or yard.
- Practice social distancing
 - Try to keep 6 feet between yourself and other people whenever possible, particularly when you or others are sick. No hugs, no handshakes.
 - Wash your hands regularly, especially before eating or touching your mouth and nose.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The Delta County Information Call Center, available at (970-874-2172) is open for calls Monday – Friday from 8:00a – 5:00p.

If you have general questions about COVID-19, you may call the state's help line, CO HELP at 1-877-462-2911, or email COHELP@RMPDC.org or visit www.deltacounty.com/COVID-19.

For additional information on COVID-19, please visit the following resources:

- Colorado Department of Health and Environment page at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control page at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- For Regional Resources visit Mesa County Health Department's page at: <http://health.mesacounty.us>

Stay at Home Order

Governor Polis extended the "Stay at Home" executive order for all Coloradans through April 26, 2020. The order is here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UHbu2_DTdTvSIPcsd_vDLtnasImISuo/view. A updated Public Health Order was also issued by Jill Hunsaker

Ryan, Executive Director of Public Health for the State of Colorado: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1-gyCAz9gi55BS3fkULHuviu2shyPiQ>.

The Delta County Sheriff's Office will not be conducting random traffic stops to enforce the statewide stay-at-home order.

Delta County Memorial Hospital

Delta County Memorial Hospital is now offering Telehealth – please call 970-874-7681 for more information or visit <https://deltahospital.org>.

Delta County School District

Delta County Schools remain closed to in person learning; all students are engaging in Distance Learning through April 30, 2020; <https://deltaschools.com>.

Youth

The Emergency Operations Center continues to receive reports of younger students getting together for playdates and socialization. While we understand that physical and social distancing is challenging for your entire family; we urge community members to stay home and keep interactions among families.

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

Social Distancing

The Emergency Operations Center is aware of reports of informal gatherings and poor trail etiquette. Social distancing or a physical distance of AT LEAST six feet in between yourself and those outside your immediate family is important to stopping the spread of this virus, and ultimately flattening the curve.

Please limit grocery shopping trips to one family member, and only try to shop once per week or as infrequently as possible. We encourage the public to have food and supplies (as possible) for two weeks. Please do not hoard supplies; this is a community effort and hoarding only harms overall community response and preparedness efforts. Please be kind and respectful to your neighbors.

Delta County Law Enforcement

All agencies are still working 24/7 and responding to calls for service, patrolling neighborhoods, providing public safety services to the communities and all areas of the county. For emergencies please call 9-1-1 anytime. All other calls, regardless of where you are in the county, use Delta Dispatch 970-874-2015 to be connected to the appropriate agency or to have an Officer /Deputy contact you. No Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspections are being done by Law Enforcement of Delta County.

- Delta County Sheriff's Office: 970-874-2000
- Cedaredge Police Department: 970-856-4301
- Delta Police Department: 970-874-7676
- Hotchkiss Marshal's Office: 970-872-3848
- Paonia Police Department: 970-527-4822

Delta County Emergency Services

Delta County Ambulance District and the North Fork EMS are encouraging people to avoid calling EMS unless absolutely necessary. Our Emergency Responders are taking actions to keep themselves and the community safe, by slightly changing their delivery of service. Residents who call 911 with an emergency may notice that the dispatcher asks them a few more questions than is typical. Extra precautions, such as using masks, gowns and eye protection, are being taken to protect patients, medical personnel, and the general public.

Municipalities:

Cedaredge: 970-856-3123 – townclerk@cedaredgecolorado.com

Crawford: 970-921-4725 – crawfordclerk@gmail.com

Delta: 970-874-7566 – cityofdeltainfo@cityofdelta.net

Hotchkiss: 970-872-3663 – clerk@townofhotchkiss.com

Orchard City: 970-835-3337 – finance@kaycee.net

Paonia: 970-527-4101 – Paonia@townofpaonia.com

Business Resources:

Delta and Montrose Counties have combined forces to provide information and resources to the business community; and are currently hosting several calls a week for retail, service, food, and tourism & hospitality industries. To connect into this group contact: Elyse Casselberry at businesssupport@deltacounty.com or Facebook: Delta-Montrose County COVID Business Support Group
State resources for businesses can be found at: <https://choosecolorado.com/covid19/>

Delta County Volunteer Coalition

If you are willing and able to volunteer, please contact Fred McKee at 970-778-7180 or Brian Ayers at 970-234-7283.

 Indicates new or updated information from the previous day.