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**5/02/20 Baca County Update: Positive County Case**

**Please take the time to read and understand this entire message.**

Hello to all.  The Baca County Public Health Agency (BCPHA) has received lab reports on two residents from Baca County that have tested positive to COVID-19.  This brings our number to 12 positive cases in Baca County

Out of respect for patient privacy, we will only release the following information (No other information will be released at this time):

* Patient #1
	+ was placed into quarantine while awaiting test results.
	+ was placed into isolation after receiving test results and will remain in isolation until 10 days from symptom onset AND 72 hours of being fever free AND patient has improvement of symptoms.
	+ close contacts are being identified and placed into quarantine
	+ age: 70s
	+ is recovering
	+ is a resident of Baca County.
* Patient # 2
	+ was placed into quarantine while awaiting test results.
	+ was placed into isolation after receiving test results and will remain in isolation until 10 days from symptom onset AND 72 hours of being fever free AND patient has improvement of symptoms.
	+ close contacts are being identified and placed into quarantine
	+ age: 80s
	+ is recovering
	+ is a resident of Baca County.

Oure epidemiological investigation into where the patient’s may have contracted the illness is ongoing along with contact investigations. Public Health is bound by HIPAA to protect patients and their rights, those who need to be notified will be contacted during the investigation.

Remember that case counts are a rolling total and never reset to zero during the incident, there are currently 2 active COVID-19 cases.

Baca County:

7 Laboratory confirmed cases

5 presumptive positive cases

State of Colorado: (Note: this summary only includes data through 4 pm 5/01/2020 and does not reflect cases since then)

15,768 Cases

2,747 Hospitalized

56 Counties

75,259 People Tested

820 Deaths

161 Outbreaks

**Here is what you can do right now**:

* **Read, understand, and comply with public health orders. Including the new “Safer at Home” order. The State Public Health Orders can be found here:** <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-in-colorado/public-health-executive-orders-resource>
* Stay home if you are sick and if needed, call your medical provider.
* Wear an appropriate mask if you must go out for an essential activity.
* If you are in a high risk group, take extra precautions.
* Cover your cough and/or sneeze.
* Keep your fingers and hands away from your face.
* Wash your hands a lot.
* Remember not everyone with COVID-19 symptoms needs a test or will be able to be tested, please go to <https://covid19.colorado..gov/testing> for more information about testing.
* Stay informed by trusted and reliable sources. Be careful about believing what you read on social media sites. Trusted sources/websites:
	+ - * <https://www.bacacountyco.gov>
			* Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov>
			* CO Department of Public Health: <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe>