Update on Current Custer County Cases

April 2, 2020

Custer County now has 2 test confirmed positive cases of COVID 19 (Coronavirus). We would like to give as much information as is legally able to provide.

The first confirmed positive case, a woman in her 60's, lives in town and is recovering. This individual has been under quarantine since the beginning of her symptoms. There is no exposure to the community since her symptoms started well over 14 days ago. Neither this individual nor her single contact have been in contact with anyone else for the past 14+ days. It is unknown where she contracted the virus from, thus we must consider the fact that there are more unknown and asymptomatic cases in the community.

The second confirmed positive case is a little more complicated. This man in his 70's lives out of town and is currently hospitalized as a result of complications related to COVID 19. He began experiencing symptoms on Sunday evening (3/29/2020) which makes him conceivably contagious since Friday 3/27/20. He visited several businesses in Westcliffe on Friday (3/27/2020) and Monday(3/30/2020). These businesses are abiding by proper hygiene recommendations. Due to the complexity of this case, we do not currently know all of the direct contacts related to this case. That is why it is imperative to abide by the State of Colorado's Stay At Home order and to practice Social Distancing Requirements when conducting Essential Activities.

This shows how easily it is to spread the virus and be in contact with infected areas and not even know it. It is safe to expect that every surface and every person you come into contact with, in the public, is potentially infected with COVID 19. This is why it is IMPERATIVE that you stay home, wash your hands, and sanitize your car after a trip to town. Send only one family member into a store, and only when absolutely necessary…plan ahead and only go in once a week.

Custer County Public Health and Custer County Emergency Management care about our community. We will have more positive cases, but we will get through this together. Please do your part in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in Custer County.

Get the most accurate and up to date info at custercountygov.com in the COVID-19 section or on Custer County Emergency Management or Custer County Public Health Facebook pages Or Call Elisa Livengood Director of Custer County Public Health at 719-458-9211.