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COVID-19 WEEK 17 UPDATE

Kit Carson County has identified 1 additional new case of COVID in the community. With this new case it is important that everyone continue to do their part of stopping the spread of the virus by practicing social distancing, good hand hygiene and wearing masks in a crowd. Since March 2020 Kit Carson County has tested over 350 individuals with 32 people testing positive or probable positive. For more information regarding these numbers please contact the health department or refer to the data on the Kit Carson County web page.

Plans for the 4th of July have been submitted by:

- Burlington Chamber of Commerce
- City of Burlington
- Flagler Community

These plans have been approved by the health department and Board of Health. During these events encourage hand sanitizer use frequently, mask wearing in crowds and maintain social distancing.

In order to resume activities - organizations, event planners and businesses are required to submit a reopening plan to the Health Department before activities, events, or openings occur. These plans are provided in a check off format. If you are planning to ask for approval, please call Dawn James at 719-346-7158, ext. 116 and she will provide the correct protocol for you to submit. After submission to the health department, the plans are then presented to the Board of Health for final approval.

Please remember that receiving variances does not mean that we are back to "business as usual". The purpose of variances are to loosen restrictions in Kit Carson County that were created by EO 20-28 while at the same time, decreasing the likelihood that COVID will have a resurgence. Active surveillance and testing has been intensified by the KCC Health Department. The more tests we conduct, the more we can demonstrate that we are maintaining a COVID-19 free County. If we do have a positive test, we can identify it early and get it under control before it creates an outbreak. The health department hosts "Free Test Friday" Tests are free to the public and do not require a doctor's order. Symptomatic and asymptomatic people are urged to participate. A reservation is required and you can call Tammy at 719-346-7158 to schedule your test.

The most important thing to remember about all of this is that it will take everyone living here to take social distancing seriously to keep COVID-19 from becoming more prevalent, thus delaying our continued goal to return to normal activities. The same standards apply now as they did a month ago. Frequent hand washing, wearing of masks when in crowded public venues, limiting travel outside of the County to only necessary activities such as medical appointments, etc., and staying home as much as possible will keep us moving in the right direction. For more information, or for any questions you may have about plans for events, activities, or opening businesses, please call 719-346-7158, ext. 116.

For the most up to date information regarding COVID-19 in Colorado, please go to the Colorado COVID-19 website.

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