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KIT CARSON COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE WEEKLY UPDATE FOR WEEK 6

Kit Carson County has 8 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, none of which are hospitalized and all are recovering in their homes and have been placed in home isolation. A thorough contact tracing has been completed for each positive test, and those who have been directly in contact with a person who has tested positive have been notified and placed in quarantine. It is our sad duty to report that the resident in Grace Manor who tested positive for COVID has passed away and is considered by the State health department to be a COVID-related death. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the resident's family and loved ones. There are currently 9 tests pending results and those individuals are in quarantine until the test results come in. It is taking 24 – 48 hours on average to get test results back from the State. In total, there are 16 individuals in quarantine at the time of this writing. To date 70 individuals have been tested for COVID-19, of which 53 were negative. This means that 15% of all of those tested and that have received results back have been positive. All of the cases in Kit Carson County are in the eastern part of the county and there are no pending cases in or near the western border. There are now two positive cases reported in Lincoln County, two positive cases in Yuma County and there are still no cases in Cheyenne County or Sherman County.

Social Distancing and Stay At Home Orders by Governor Polis have been extended until April 26th. It appears that the measures that have been taken to slow the virus are working. In order to keep the trend moving down, it is currently in the planning stages at the State and National levels on how to reopen the economy without jeopardizing the downward trend of the disease. In order to stay on the right track, Kit Carson County Department of Public Health and Environment continues to emphasize the need to wear a mask when in public, wash your hands frequently, and avoid touching your face. Cover your cough and stay home if you are sick. Gatherings of any size outside of essential businesses and immediate family are prohibited until the Stay at Home Order is lifted. With that being said, it is important to go outside when you can to enjoy fresh air and exercise. We also encourage everyone to stay socially connected with friends and family through technology. Please visit the Kit Carson County Facebook Page for local updates. Please visit [COVID19.Colorado.Gov](https://www.COVID19.Colorado.Gov) for up to date statewide data and useful links and information. For local questions or concerns, please call 719-346-7158, ext. 110.

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