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### **Delta, Colorado, May 18, 2020 – Delta County Daily Update**

**UPDATED Testing Information:** Delta County Health Department is reporting 0 new cases; our total case count remains at 55, with 51 individuals now recovered.

36 individuals have tested positive; 19 individuals have been in close contact with an individual who tested positive, and have experienced COVID-19 symptoms, and one death is being reported.

To date, 729 tests have been administered in Delta County; 18 tests are pending.

We have seen a great deal of **misinformation** on social media regarding wearing face masks, and the notion that they lead to hypoxia. That line of thinking is false.

#### **What is Hypoxia?**

Hypoxia is a condition in which the body or a region of the body is deprived of adequate oxygen supply at the tissue level.

#### **Does wearing a face covering or mask cause Hypoxia?**

There is no solid scientific evidence that wearing masks causes hypoxia or cognitive impairment. Doctors and healthcare workers who work in operating rooms wear them for hours a day and there has been no evidence that these people have had cognitive decline.

#### **Are there individuals seeking medical attention due to wearing masks and suspected Hypoxia?**

Delta County Memorial Hospital is not reporting any individual coming into the ER due to low oxygen due to wearing a face covering or mask.

As always, if you have difficulty breathing, and removing your face covering or mask does not alleviate the problem, contact your primary care physician or call 9-1-1.

#### **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

#### **Delta County Resources:**

- [www.deltacounty.com/COVID-19](http://www.deltacounty.com/COVID-19)
- [deltahospital.org/getpage.php?ame=Novel\\_Coronavirus\\_%28COVID-19%29](http://deltahospital.org/getpage.php?ame=Novel_Coronavirus_%28COVID-19%29)
- <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)