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COVID-19 Testing Increases in Routt County
Community Testing Days on Wednesday and Saturday

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO – April 13, 2020 — Routt County's Public Health Department procured more COVID-19 tests through the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) and commercial sources to ramp up the county's ability to do testing. With more tests available, the Routt County Public Health Department will be conducting community testing by screening appointment at Howelson Hill in Steamboat Springs on Wednesday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Testing Update

Due to the increased access to testing, Routt County Public Health is conducting more testing and out of the 506 tests submitted, 320 tests were done so far with public health nurses. CDPHE supplied 100 tests last week and Routt County Public Health has purchased testing components from commercial sources to create additional testing kits for the community.

Routt County COVID-19 Testing Statistics

April 13, 2020 Update	Total	Comments
Tests Administered:	506	320 by Public Health
Confirmed cases:	43	
• COVID-19	36	
• Probable	7	Through contact tracing by Public Health
Negative Tests:	372	
Active Cases:	16	
Recovered:	26	Recovered means no fever and no other symptoms
Deaths:	1	
Dashboard		https://www.covid19routtcounty.com/impact-monitor Dashboard is updated every day at 10:30 a.m.

Community Test Days

"With our increased access to testing kits, we decided to set up a community testing day by appointment to meet demand. We hope to test 100 people each Community Test Day with our staff of four public health nurses. We look forward to supporting the rest of the medical community with their testing efforts. We understand the desire of many community members to be tested and we are doing everything possible to get access to test kits, like every county in Colorado and every state in the Union. We look forward to implementing the first Community Test Day on Wednesday," said Kari Ladrow, Public Health Director.

What:	Drive-thru Community Testing by Appointment
Who:	If you have experienced symptoms within the last seven (7) days of fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, lack of appetite, and/or body aches.
Where:	Howelson Hill Parking Lot
When:	Wednesday, April 15 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 18 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
How:	Get screened first by calling 970-870-5577 For a Wednesday appointment, call Tuesday, April 14 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For a Saturday appointment, call Thursday, April 16 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS AT DRIVE THRU TESTING

Arrival

- Keep windows up and have ID ready
- Follow the road signs
- At first checkpoint, individuals with bullhorns will ask for confirmation of your appointment
- Once confirmed, pull forward to white tent with windows up and show ID through the window
- Please only arrive in the car with those who have an appointment
- Every person in a car must be screened first before they can be added to the list

Testing

- Drive through next tent
- Roll down window just a crack and tilt your head back to have nasal passages swabbed
- Nurse puts sample in sterile container

Results

- Results are usually received in 24-36 hours
- A public health nurse will contact you with results

After Care

- Remember… there is no treatment or vaccine for COVID-19 – please protect yourself and others
- If you are getting screened and getting tested, please take necessary precautions to protect others around you
- For more information, go to https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html
- Flyers of the same information from the CDC and Routt County will be shared with each patient in either English or Spanish

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