



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Routt County Reports One New COVID-19 Positive Case

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO – May 18, 2020 — Routt County’s record of reporting no new cases since April 30 ended today with identification of an individual at Casey’s Pond who has contracted the COVID-19 virus. The Public Health Department continues to conduct testing for vulnerable populations and community testing in May and plans to continue these efforts in June. Public Health also received permission to expand community testing criteria to include testing for asymptomatic residents as part of public health surveillance efforts.

“We have been proud of our local community for efforts to contain the virus and keep hospitalizations low. We have had two weeks without any one new being identified through testing who has contracted the virus or is an asymptomatic carrier. We have one new reported case today at Casey’s Pond who was identified during surveillance testing as an asymptomatic carrier. As with other individuals who have contracted the virus, our Public Health Contact Tracing Strike Force Team is working with this individual to identify any possible exposure points in the community or within Casey’s Pond. As we open the community more, we need to continue to be vigilant of continuing preventative measures such as the Five Commitments to Containment: 1) Maintain 6 feet of physical distance; 2) Wash my hands often; 3) Cover my face in public; 4) Stay at home if I am at risk or sick; and 5) Seek testing if I have symptoms,” said Kari Ladrow, Director, Routt County Public Health.

Casey’s Pond continues to partner with the Routt County Public Health Department to ensure the well-being of everyone who lives and works at Casey’s Pond. Brad Boatright, Executive Director at Casey’s Pond Assisted Living states, “We continue to stay focused on preventing and minimizing infection by following all federal, state, county, and community standards and protocols for virus eradication in our community. Team members and all care essential visitors continue to be screened daily and if anyone has a sign or symptom, they are not allowed to work. All associates continue to wear masks in all neighborhoods within the community. We continue vigorous anti-virus sanitation cleanings of all areas of the community.”

#### **Routt County COVID-19 Testing Statistics**

<b><u>May 18, 2020 Update</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
Tests Administered:	1,518	Last updated May 15, 2020
Negative Tests:	1,428	Last updated May 15, 2020
Positive Cases:	60 *	It was 64 on May 15, 4 have been removed by CDPHE and attributed to their own county

• COVID-19	55	PCR (COVID-19) Testing – one new case It was 58 on Friday – four were removed by CDPHE and we have one new case today
• Probable	5	Identified through contact tracing by CDPHE It was 6 on Friday, but after review CDPHE changed it to 5
Active Cases:	3	Updated May 18, 2020
Active Hospitalizations:	0	Last updated May 15, 2020
Recovered:	57	Recovered means no fever and no other symptoms
Deaths:	6	
• Assisted Living	5	Reported through Casey's Pond
• Probable	1	Identified through contact tracing by CDPHE at Casey's Pond

*\*Routt County is now relying on state data (CDPHE) and their categorization of cases and deaths. Out of state residents have been removed from our county tally.*

*\*\* There is one new case as of May 18, 2020.*

*CDPHE updates data daily at 5:00 p.m. Routt County will do the same.*

### **ROUTT COUNTY TO ALIGN COVID-19 REPORTING WITH STATE DATA**

Routt County will now align its COVID-19 reporting with the State of Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) data. In the last two weeks, CDPHE has recategorized positive cases in Routt County and attributed some early COVID-19 cases to their county/country of origin and not Routt County. In addition, through a review of death certificates, CDPHE is reclassifying deaths as well. Since Routt County does not have the ability and resources to reclassify state data, all COVID-19 reporting will be based on state data that can be found at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/case-data>.

The Routt County website [www.covid19routtcounty.com](http://www.covid19routtcounty.com) has a table on the home page that will be updated by 5:00 p.m. daily. The state updates data by 4:00 p.m. daily. Routt County will continue to send media releases on COVID-19 testing Monday – Friday. There will be a weekly update on COVID-19 disease prevalence on Wednesdays after the Board of Health Meeting, which takes places from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., which can be accessed at <http://www.co.routt.co.us/agendacenter>.

### **Information from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)**

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/case-data>

Data is updated daily by about 4:00 p.m. and includes cases reported through the previous day. This reporting gap gives our epidemiologists time to review the data and improve the accuracy. Due to this delay, our numbers may be different from what is being reported by local public health departments. As cases continue to be investigated, the data in this report is subject to change.

\*The number of cases includes people who have had a test that indicated they were positive for COVID-19. The number of cases also includes epidemiologically linked cases – or cases where public health epidemiologists have determined that infection is highly likely because a person exhibited symptoms and had close contact with someone who tested positive. The number of epidemiologically linked cases represents a very small portion of the reported cases.

Beginning May 15, the department began reporting the number of deaths in two ways:

- The number of deaths **among people with COVID-19**. This represents the total number of deaths reported among people who have COVID-19, but COVID-19 may not have been the cause of death listed on the death certificate. This information is required by the CDC and is crucial for public health surveillance, as it provides more information about disease transmission and can help identify risk factors among all deaths across populations.
- The number of deaths among **people who died from COVID-19**: This represents the total number of people whose death was attributed to COVID-19 as indicated on a death certificate. This number is determined by the CDC and is updated daily for dates through the previous Saturday.
- [Find Colorado COVID-19 Data on CDPHE's Open Data Portal](#)

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