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COVID-19: *More People Positive in Douglas County*

Douglas County— Public Health announced today that Douglas County has eight people being followed by public health for having COVID-19. Five individuals have tested positive; three are family members who are also symptomatic but not tested as they are presumed to have the disease. These individuals are all isolated at home and doing well. Public Health is also monitoring dozens of close contacts for symptoms of the disease.

Here is a recap of what we know:

- Common symptoms being reported are sudden onset fevers, eye and back pain, fatigue, shortness of breath, sore throat and cough.
- COVID-19 has been identified in men and women with an age range of 30's-50's who live the county and in Superior.
- One individual who tested positive had minimal or no symptoms, confirming the need for people to social distance and stay home to reduce the spread of this disease.
- One individual was sent home from work due to having a cough illness and later tested positive for COVID-19, confirming the need to stay home from work when sick.
- Prior to diagnosis, several local businesses were visited for groceries and shopping, confirming the need to limit going into public places and use disinfection strategies at all times.

With no cure or vaccine to prevent COVID-19, Douglas County Public Health wants everyone to follow these simple steps:

- Stay home when sick
- Frequent handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces
- Practice social distancing – six (6) feet from others
- Avoid public gatherings of more than 10 persons
- Limit time spent in stores

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, requiring all of us to adapt as necessary. Public Health is committed to assisting our community through this crisis. Please view the Douglas County web page for updates and alerts.

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