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Confirmed Death Due to COVID-19 in Yuma County

Sterling, Colo – September 23, 2020: It is with heavy hearts that the Northeast Colorado Health Department (NCHD) announces that we have been notified of a death in Yuma County caused by COVID-19. We are working with medical providers and other Yuma County leaders as well as the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to investigate details of this unfortunate situation.

“We want to express our sadness and condolences,” said Trish McClain, Director of NCHD. “These are difficult times for everyone and is especially challenging for families and friends who have lost loved ones.”

Tracking death data for COVID-19 differs from tracking positive cases in several ways. Because of multiple factors involved, NCHD’s data for deaths associated with COVID-19 is delayed, however we are actively working to provide the information as it is released by the state.

NCHD and partnering agencies have been doing everything possible to protect the health of the residents of our communities. The unfortunate loss of a loved one reaffirms

that everyone must continue to be diligent with wearing face coverings, practicing social distancing, washing our hands, and doing everything we can to protect everyone around us.

“The Yuma County Commissioners would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of the neighbor we lost. Yuma County has been very fortunate for over six months by not having a death to this terrible virus.” Said Dean Wingfield, Yuma County Commissioner. “As the numbers are now rising in our County, we encourage everyone to be smart and be safe to help reduce the spread of Covid-19 in Yuma County.”

“The City of Yuma City Council as well as City staff would like to express our deepest condolences for the family, our heart and thoughts go out to them.” Said Ron Swehla, Mayor of Yuma.

It is important that we all take steps to protect our families, our friends, our communities, and ourselves. We want to remind community members that if you believe you have been exposed, please self-quarantine for 14 days. If you develop any cold or flu-like symptoms, please self-isolate and call your primary care provider.

We also understand that this is a difficult time for everyone. If you or someone you know is having a difficult time, please go to <https://www.nchd.org/behavioralhealth> for mental health resources available for everyone to use.

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