



NEWS RELEASE

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Thank You, City of Brush!

Sterling, Colo. – December 1, 2022: In celebration of Waste Water Utility Appreciation week, Northeast Colorado Health Department (NCHD) would like to recognize The City of Brush Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) for their dedication to disease surveillance with their participation in the Colorado SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater Surveillance. Their participation has led to a data driven understanding of the spread and presence in a community of COVID-19.

“We are thankful for the work that Brush WWTF continues to do to promote the health and safety of the public they serve,” said Trish McClain, NCHD Public Health Director. “We were pleased to hear from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that ‘The City of Brush WWTF has been a fantastic partner for our program.’”

Since February, Brush’s Treatment Facility has been collecting wastewater samples twice a week, that are then send to the lab at CDPHE be analyzed for SARS-CoV-2 levels. This program served as an important early warning system during the omicron surge in the fall and winter of 2021. It is an important early warning system that has

helped NCHD better predict the location of a future COVID-19 outbreak and get communications out to that region.

Thank you again to the City of Brush and their Wastewater Treatment Facility!

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