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## July 26th Update – Public Health Announces Four New Cases in Two Days

Encourages Keeping the Community Healthy Through Meaningful Communication

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(July 26, 2020) – Las Animas County, CO --- Public Health has confirmed four new cases over two-day period, from test results received July 25 – 26. The positive cases are residents of Las Animas County, bringing total cases to 17 with 7 active cases. All positive individuals are in isolation and close contacts have been notified to quarantine except one case who is hospitalized.

Public Health is encouraging community members to have meaningful conversations with friends and family about taking care of one another through COVID, and addressing individual responsibility and decisions that will translate to keeping the community healthy. Using trusted and factual information can provide a baseline for these important discussions that will give people strength and unity in following best practices while providing mental support through this experience.

“Kindly discussing how someone’s actions can affect you and your community’s health, can strengthen a sense of responsibility and accountability during these unprecedented times,” said Public Health Director Kim Gonzales. “Having these sincere and personal conversations is difficult, but can bring our community closer together and support one another through this.”

The recent positive results include:

- 86 year-old male- Not related to previous cases, symptomatic and hospitalized.
- 33 year-old male- Close contact to a previous positive.
- 14 year-old female- Close contact to a previous positive.
- 43 year-old female- Close contact to a previous positive.

Five Commitments of Containment:

- Wear a mask
- Maintain six-feet of physical distance
- Minimize group size
- Wash hands frequently
- Stay home when sick and get tested

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or at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>. You can also find information on Facebook at Las Animas Huerfano Counties District Health Department.