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TO: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: COVID-19 case

FROM: Tanner Kingery, MPH

The Ouray County Public health Agency (OCPHA) announces the first confirmed case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Ouray County. One resident, a male in his 50s is in home isolation and recovering well. Health officials are identifying and contacting all close contacts. Ouray County has one case at this time.

Everyone should consider themselves at risk from exposure to COVID-19 and should adhere to the Governor's Order to Stay-at-Home as much as possible. While at home, everyone should monitor themselves for fever and remain alert for cough, shortness of breath or sore throat. Testing is not indicated for persons who are mildly ill or are not showing signs of illness. This helps conserve personal protective equipment and reduce possible exposures to healthcare workers. Testing priority is given to hospitalized patients with severe acute lower respiratory illness, for example pneumonia.

The Ouray County Unified Command and all community partners are working diligently on our community-level response to COVID-19. Your adherence to public health guidance is imperative to keeping you, your family, our healthcare providers, first responders and other essential staff safe.

Sincerely,

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