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PRESS RELEASE

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City of Glenwood Springs Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19

Glenwood Springs, CO – On Sunday, July 5, 2020, the City of Glenwood Springs was notified that an employee in the Parks and Recreation Department tested positive for COVID-19. The employee works at the Community Center. The Community Center will be closed until further notice to accommodate reduced staffing due to precautionary isolation measures.

Following guidelines set forth by the CDC and Garfield County Public Health, the employee who tested positive, as well as others in their immediate work area, are self-isolating. The employee had taken time off for a couple of days preceding the holiday, last working at the pool on Wednesday July 1, 2020, but was tested Sunday at Valley View Hospital after becoming symptomatic.

The City of Glenwood Springs is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of employees and Community Center users. Garfield County Public Health has begun contact tracing for all individuals that may have been in contact with the employee. People with questions should contact the public health office via email or call 970-945-6614 in Glenwood Springs or 970-625-5200 in Rifle.

The Community Center had partially reopened on June 15, 2020 to reservations. Access was limited with separate entrances to the fitness area and the lap pool and guests could only enter the area for which they had a reservation. All Reservations were made online and no transactions occurred at the front desk. Guests were also required to maintain social distance while using the facilities and strict cleaning guidelines were adopted after each use of fitness areas.

“We knew this was a possibility when we reopened the Community Center and other city facilities. Fortunately, our staff has implemented social distancing and other safety measures to limit, as much as possible, contact with Community Center users, and we hope that this proved beneficial in keeping this an isolated case. Our number one priority is the health and safety of our employees and we will do what is necessary to maintain that goal,” said Mayor Jonathan Godes.

The City will continue to work with Garfield County Public Health throughout this situation and follow recommended procedures.

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