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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**A Message from the Montezuma County Multi-Agency Coordination Group**

Most everyone is aware that there is a new coronavirus spreading in the U.S. This virus causes an illness called COVID19.

Everyone can play a part in preventing the spread of COVID19. We recognize that scheduled public events involving personal contact within groups of individuals carries a significant risk of introducing or spreading COVID19 within our community. In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID19, we recommend that holding such events in Montezuma County or attending events elsewhere should be avoided for the next 21 days.

This recommendation will be evaluated regularly as the situation changes.

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Montezuma County Public Health Department  
Montezuma County  
Montezuma County Sheriff's Department  
City of Cortez  
Cortez Police Department  
Cortez Fire Protection District  
Cortez School District RE1  
Mancos School District RE6

Southwest Memorial Hospital  
Cortez Integrated Health System  
National Park Service  
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe  
Dolores County Public Health  
Town of Mancos  
SW Colorado Health Care Coalition