April 1, 2020

4:00 p.m. Update Pueblo, CO #PuebloCOVID19

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced today seven additional positive COVID-19 cases for Pueblo County. The cases are a 68-year-old female, 53-year-old female, 57-year-old male, 76-year-old female, 63-year-old female, 67-year-old female and a 34-year-old female. To date, two Pueblo County residents have passed away.

Pueblo County now has a total of 28 confirmed positive cases among Pueblo County residents. As of March 31, 2020 (the latest information available) six additional positive cases are from individuals residing in other counties (one from Alamosa, one from Crowley County, one from Huerfano County, one from Douglas County, one from Fremont County, one from Rio Grande County) but who were tested in Pueblo County. There have been 322 tests administered (including 90 at the Colorado State Fairgrounds on March 19) in Pueblo County. There have been 242 negative results with 53 tests results still pending, and one test unable to be read and determined unsatisfactory.

Testing is over seven days for the results to be returned to Pueblo.

Pueblo County’s 28 COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

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Female 81 (passed away)
Female 82

- Gov. Jared Polis today announced the extension of school closures in Colorado through April 30.
- Effective today, Parkview Medical Center is not allowing visitors into the hospital, with the exception of the following: **End of Life**: Only 2 visitors; **Labor and Delivery**: only one visitor or birthing partner; **Emergency room**: only one visitor with a child only; **Special Needs Patient**: one parent or adult caretaker in the room. All visitors in the exception will be required to wear a mask; the visitor must stay in the room for the duration of the stay; Hand washing before entering and leaving the room is mandatory and the visitors must leave the facility when done.
- The Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen, 422 W. 7th St., is in need of the following supplies: sandwich baggies and napkins. Donations can be dropped off at the back door of the Soup Kitchen between 9 and 10:30 a.m.
- Cybersecurity experts warn the public to be vigilant during this worldwide pandemic as more people are teleworking from home. Individuals are reminded to be on the lookout for scams related to COVID-19 and to be aware of emails with malicious attachment or links to fraudulent websites. Organizations/businesses allowing people to telework should adopt a heightened state of cybersecurity particularly if using a virtual private network (VPN) due to more vulnerabilities found and organizations being less likely to keep them updated with the latest security updates. For more on cybersecurity go to cisa.gov.
- The state is extending the emergency childcare tuition credit until May 17 for all essential workers identified in Public Health Order 20-24. The program is aimed at serving families in need of childcare to continue to perform their critical duties.

To report a non-critical business or organization still in operation call 719-583-4444. The agency in charge of enforcing this is the Pueblo Department of Public Health and
Environment. When a complaint is received by the COVID-19 Hotline 719-583-4444 Environmental Health Specialist from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment will visit the location. When the location is in violation of the Governor’s Stay At Home order and being in operation as a non-critical business, a Notice of Violation will be written. When a second visit occurs at the same location, and the non-critical business is again in violation, local law enforcement attends and write a ticket. Public Health and Law Enforcement is urging voluntary compliance for the safety of the Pueblo Community.

- Mental Health Resources are available in Pueblo, contact your mental health care provider. Services are also available through Health Solutions at 719-545-2746 www.health.solutions.

Everybody has a responsibility to protect the Pueblo community and our most vulnerable in Pueblo by:

- Minimize social activities and being physically close to other people.
- Isolate yourself if you feel symptoms of shortness of breath, cough, temperature of 100.4 or higher call your medical provider before visiting them.
- **Do not go to the emergency room unless medically necessary.**
- Wash your hands with soap regularly.
- Cough or sneeze into elbow or tissue.
- Stay home when you’re sick.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Clean surfaces frequently touched.

Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment encourages residents and media to seek out credible, reliable sources of information on COVID-19:

- www.puebloemergency.info
- Call CO HELP at **1-877-462-2911** or email COHELP@RMPDC.org
- Pueblo’s COVID-19 Hotline 719-583-4444

All public and media inquiries in Pueblo are answered through the local hotline at **Pueblo’s Joint Information Center**. Pueblo COVID-19 Hotline is answering questions 8AM – 5PM, Monday – Friday **719-583-4444**.

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