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

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced today there were 11 additional positive COVID-19 cases for Pueblo County. The count includes 20-year-old male, 41-year-old male, 52-year-old male, 63-year-old male, 66-year-old male, 26-year-old female, 41-year-old female, 44-year-old female, 55-year-old female, 65-year-old female, and 75-year-old female.

Pueblo County now has a total of 39 confirmed positive cases among Pueblo County residents. Seven 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, one from Custer County). There have been 388 tests administered in Pueblo County. There have been 311* negative results with 29 tests results still pending, and two tests unable to be read and determined unsatisfactory. To date, two Pueblo County residents have passed away.

*(Negative test results reflect only those reported by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and do not include those negatives results from tests administered through private labs).

**Pueblo County’s 39 COVID-19 Confirmed Cases**

**Gender Age**
Male 20
Male 24
Male 26
Male 32
Male 36
Male 41
Male 52
Male 57
Male 59
Male 63
Male 63
Male 70
Male 76
Male 79
Male 80 (passed away)
Female 19
Female 26
Female 34
Female 36
Female 37
Female 41
Female 44
Female 47
Female 48
Female 52
Female 53
Female 55
Female 63
Female 65
Female 67
Female 68
Female 71
Female 73
Female 75
Female 76
Female 77
Female 80
Female 81 (passed away)
Female 82

**Pueblo County, Region Receives Second and Third Shipments of Strategic National Stockpile Supplies**
Pueblo County recently received a second and third shipment of critical resources from the Strategic National Stockpile. The supplies are being distributed to designated sites in Pueblo County and the south region to include Huerfano, Las Animas, Fremont, and Custer counties.

**Public Health Officials Working with Rescue Mission on Plan for Homeless Population**
Officials with the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment are working with the Rescue Mission to develop a plan should clients become ill. Plans are also in the works to move the food serving operations outside. The Rescue Mission is regularly disinfecting the facility and screening clients before the enter the building. For the unsheltered homeless, a community group composed of representatives from local non-profit organizations are working on ideas to address this population should there be an outbreak.
Beware of Law Enforcement Impersonators Stopping Drivers Due to Stay-at-Home Order
Local law enforcement officers are NOT conducting stops of individuals in response to the Governor’s Stay-at-Home order. Officers are still conducting stops for moving violations or traffic infractions and with that stop, they may inquire about the Stay-at-Home order. There have been reports in other counties of impersonators stopping people and doing checkpoints. Drivers should be aware and protect themselves from these impersonators. If you get stopped, make sure the vehicle has proper markings of police, sheriff or State Patrol. If you have doubts about who is stopping you, call 911 and ask the dispatcher to ask the law officer to provide proper identification. There is no mandate for individuals to carry an official letter stating they are an essential employee.

Local Mental Health Resources
Mental Health Resources are available in Pueblo, contact your mental health care provider. Services are also available through Health Solutions at 719-545-2746. Health Solutions recently added information on self-care activities to help during periods of stress on its website at www.health.solutions.

Governor Polis Encourages Residents to Vote in Upcoming Municipal Elections
Governor Jared Polis encourages residents in communities with municipal elections scheduled on April 7, to participate in the elections. In an effort to preserve the right to vote in a free and fair election, the Governor has issued guidance to ensure people can vote safely. The guidance includes: encouraging absentee methods of voting, where possible; follow social distance guidelines; encourage early voting and voting during off-peak hours; drive-up voting or ballot drop off; consulting guidance provide by the Colorado Municipal League and local health agencies on how to safely conduct elections. Read the full guidance here.

Pueblo WIC Open, Accepting New Appointments
Pueblo Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is open. Appointments can be made by telephone by calling (719) 583-4392.

Colorado Center on Law and Policy Offers Resources
Housing and rental payments here
COVID-19 Resources for Immigrants (Spanish and English) here

Security Tips For Websites and Email While at Home
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.
Help Protect Pueblo from COVID-19
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](http://www.puebloemergency.info)
- Call CO HELP at **1-877-462-2911** or email [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto: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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