April 13, 2020

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

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced today a fourth death of a Pueblo County resident related to COVID-19. A 97-year-old female who had previously been reported as a positive case in Pueblo County, has passed away from the virus. One additional COVID-19 cases in Pueblo County, a 65-year-old male was also announced.

Pueblo County now has a total of 64 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 527 tests administered in Pueblo County. There have been 449* negative results with 2 tests results still pending, and three tests unable to be read and determined unsatisfactory. To date, four 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 64 COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

Cases in Pueblo by Age Group

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Cases in Pueblo by Sex

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District 70 Holds Virtual School Board Meeting Tuesday
The District 70 school board will hold its regular meeting virtually at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The public is allowed to submit requests to address the board and those requests must be emailed to Pam Smith at pasmith@district70.org. The board meeting will be live streamed on the District 70 YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0X3-WmRaMW3iAhrFvHjcDg. A copy of the board agenda is available at https://go.boarddocs.com/co/psd70/Board.nsf/Public

Applications Accepted for United Way’s Emergency Response & Recovery Funds
The United Way is accepting applications from non-profit organizations addressing immediate and long-term needs in response to Covid-19 for its Emergency Response & Recovery funds. Agencies eligible to apply for the funds must provide direct response, recovery or rebuilding to those affected by Covid-19 and be classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity. The maximum request is $10,000 and all organizations must complete a short grant application to be eligible for the funds. Immediate response applications are due April 25. Mid- to long-term grant applications are due May 16. To apply for the grant, go to pueblounitedway.org. The majority of the funds are designated for non-profit organizations serving Pueblo County, however limited funds are also available for non-profit organizations in Alamosa, Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Mineral, Otero, Prowers, Rio Grande and Saguache counties.

FEMA Providing $3 million in Essential Baby Supplies to Colorado Families
Colorado has received $3 million in infant supplies from FEMA to help families who are experiencing poverty due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The supplies, which include formula, diapers and diaper wipes, will be distributed through food banks and family resource centers at 41 locations throughout the state, including Catholic Charities Diocese of Pueblo. The supplies are also available to families enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and child care providers participating in the Emergency Child Care Collaborative. For more information on how to access the resources go to the Office of Early Childhood’s website

Governor Polis Urges Hotels/Motel Owners to Provide Rooms for Homeless
Governor Jared Polis announced today he has sent a letter to owners of hotels and motels in Colorado asking them to provide rooms for the state’s homeless to protect against the spread of Covid-19. The need for non-congregate rooms is urgent due to the potential for currently sheltered people to be forced into large scale, dangerous facilities or back onto the streets. The governor encourages hotel and motel owners to work with local leaders to find innovative solutions to the issue. To read the letter click here

Governor Polis Encourages Children to Use Creativity in Designing Artwork for Protective Masks
Governor Jared Polis today announced the establishment of the Colorado Mask Contest for school children. The contest is aimed at getting children to create artwork for protective masks the public is being asked to wear due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Children are encouraged to create a design and submit it to the coloradomaskcontest.org. Some artwork will be featured on social media and some designs will be selected to be printed on commercially created facemasks.

Xcel Energy Donates 90,000 Protective Masks to Healthcare Workers in Colorado
Xcel Energy announced it is donating an additional 50,000 protective masks, including 1,250 N95 masks, to healthcare workers in Colorado. Last week, Xcel donated 40,000 masks to healthcare professionals in Colorado. The latest donation of masks is expected to arrive in Colorado later this week.
Local Mental Health Resources
Health Solutions has added an online resource that addresses community resources, community support, eating well, food assistance and wellness strategies. The site is available at www.health.solutions/localsolutions. Services are also available through Health Solutions at 719-545-2746.

Help Protect Pueblo from COVID-19
Everybody has a responsibility to protect the Pueblo community and our most vulnerable in Pueblo by:

- Follow Governor's Stay At Home order to stay at home through April 26, 2020.
- 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
  - 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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