April 22, 2020

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

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Health and Environment announced today seven new positive COVID-19 cases and eight probable* cases in Pueblo County. The new confirmed positive cases are a 41-year-old female, 43-year-old female, 27-year-old female, 4-year-old male, a 25-year-old female, a 92-year-old male and a 42-year-old female. The probable cases are a 79-year-old male, 37-year-old female, 57-year-old female, 48-year-old female, 57-year-old female and three individuals in their 20s but no gender available.

Pueblo County now has a total of 109 confirmed positive and probable cases among Pueblo County residents. Twelve 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, two from Fremont County, one from Rio Grande, one from Prowers, one from Custer County, one from Logan County, one from Denver county, and one from the Tri-County area). There have been 713 tests administered in Pueblo County. There have been 585** negative results with 7 tests results still pending, and three tests unable to be read and determined unsatisfactory. To date, seven Pueblo County residents have passed away.

*A probable case meets the clinical criteria and epidemiological evidence, yet it has not been laboratory confirmed with a test. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is now reporting probable cases across the state.

**(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 109 COVID-19 Confirmed Positive and Probable Cases

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Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female  61
Male    40

Probable Cases in Pueblo by Age Group
Age Group   Cases
0-9         0
10-19       0
20-29       3
30-39       1
40-49       1
50-59       2
60-69       0
70-79       0
80+         1

Probable Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female  4
Male    1
Unavailable  3

Pueblo County’s 7 COVID-19 Deaths

Death in Pueblo by Age Group
Age Group   Cases
0-9         0
10-19       0
20-29       0
30-39       0
40-49       0
50-59       1
60-69       1
70-79       0
80+         5

Pueblo County Holding Drive-Up Testing Site Until May 30 at State Fairgrounds
Pueblo County is open a drive-up testing site in Pueblo from Wednesday, April 22 through May 30 to test certain qualifying members of the public who have symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, difficulty breathing and fever over 100.4 degrees). The testing is open to healthcare workers, first responders, individuals over the age of 65 and older and critical infrastructure workers who have symptoms. Individuals tested must be inside an enclosed vehicle for safety. No walk-ups or motorcycles are allowed through the testing site. The site is open to neighboring counties. The first 250 individuals each day will have access to drive up testing. No physician order is required, and all testing is free.

The testing site is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through May 30 at the Colorado State Fairgrounds, 1001 Beulah Avenue (enter through Gate 4 off Mesa Avenue and Gaylord Avenue).

**All Essential Workers with COVID-19 Symptoms Encouraged to Get Tested at Pueblo Drive-thru Site**

Any essential workers, in addition first responders and health care workers, who have COVID-19 symptoms are recommended to be tested at the Community Drive-Thru Testing Center at the Colorado State Fairgrounds (enter through Gate 4 off Mesa Avenue and Gaylord Avenue). Essential workers, including those at large industrial (such as Evraz, Vestas, construction) utilities, grocery workers and any other businesses that remained open during the Stay-At-Home order are eligible to be tested but they must have symptoms which include a cough, fever over 100.4 and difficulty breathing. The testing site is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until May 30.

**State Health Department Launches Pilot COVID-19 Symptom Tracker Survey**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment launched a short survey designed to track symptoms of COVID-19, even among those who are unable or do not need to get a test. The data collected in the survey cannot replace official case data confirmed in testing, but it may help public health officials track early warning signs that an outbreak could be imminent in a given area or region. The symptom tracker is on the “do you have symptoms?” webpage on the COVID-19 website.

**District 60 Hosting Virtual Community Forum/Town Hall on Design of East and Centennial High Schools**

District 60 is hosting a second virtual community forum/Town Hall on the new design of East and Centennial high schools 6 p.m. tonight. Architects from MOA architects and HGF Architects are taking feedback from the community. Here is the link to the meeting

**State’s Stay-At-Home Order Set to Expire April 26**

Governor Jared Polis announced Monday new modeling shows the state will not need to extend the Stay-At-Home order, which is set to expire April 26. However, the Governor said a variety of long-term social distancing measures will need to continue. On April 27, the state will move into the “Safer at Home” phase that will no longer require residents to stay at home, but they are strongly urged to do so. Vulnerable populations and seniors must continue staying at home except when absolutely necessary. K-12 school districts and post-secondary institutions will continue to suspend in-person instruction until the end of the school year. Depending on the risk and safety of the community and the ability to recover from outbreaks, the Stay-At-Home phase could be re-implemented. Local governments will have the opportunity to implement stricter restrictions, particularly in those areas where they are experiencing an outbreak.

**State Makes Amendment to Public Health Order for Long-Term Care Facilities**
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment recently released an amendment to the public health order for long-term care facilities to prevent and control outbreaks of COVID-19. The amendment requires long-term care facilities, include residential care facilities, nursing homes and assisted living centers, submit a COVID-19 prevention and response plan by May 1.

Key elements of the order are:

- Severe limit on visitors in long-term care facilities
- At-the-door symptom check for all employees, vendors and visitors before entering the facility
- A plan to isolate people with COVID-19 symptoms or positive tests
- A requirement that facilities ensure all residents have access to necessary medical care
- A requirement that all facility residents and employees wear a mask or other face covering when in public. Facility employees must wear an appropriate mask at all times when they are in facility

To read the amended order go to amendment to Public Health Order 20 20

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.
- Wear a non-medical cloth face covering while out in public for necessary activities.
- 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. Contact your health care provider.
- 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 providing resources and answering questions 8AM – 5PM, Monday – Friday 719-583-4444. At times the Pueblo COVID-9 Hotline center may experience a high volume of calls, please be patient and remain on the line and the next available call taker will be with you.

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