April 23, 2020

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

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Health and Environment announced an eighth death of a Pueblo County resident related to COVID-19. A 79-year-old male who had previously been reported as a positive case in Pueblo County, has passed away from the virus. Public health officials also announced today five new positive COVID-19 cases and no probable* cases in Pueblo County. The new confirmed positive cases are a 69-year-old female, 61-year-old female, 50-year-old female, 44-year-old female and 47-year-old male.

Pueblo County now has a total of 114 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 751 tests administered in Pueblo County. There have been 610** negative results with 15 tests results still pending, and three tests unable to be read and determined unsatisfactory. To date, eight 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 114 COVID-19 Confirmed Positive and Probable Cases

Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Age Group

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Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female 66  
Male 40

Probable Cases in Pueblo by Age Group
Age Cases
Group
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 8 COVID-19 Deaths
Death in Pueblo by Age Group
Age Cases
Group
0-9 0  
10-19 0  
20-29 0  
30-39 0  
40-49 0
Pueblo County Holding Drive-Up Testing Site Until May 30 at State Fairgrounds

Pueblo County is opened a drive-up testing site in Pueblo through May 30 to anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, difficulty breathing and fever over 100.4 degrees). 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).

SRDA Opens Meal Distribution Site for Congregate Program

SRDA, in partnership with the commodities program and LaGrees, is opening a pick-up congregate meal program. The program is open on Fridays from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the commodities building, 2631 E. Fourth Street. Clients will receive five frozen meals for the week. Clients must show an ID to ensure the proper meal count. Interested clients age 60 and older should call (719) 543-0100 for more information.

District 70 Resumes Lunch Program Monday, April 27

District 70 will resume its Grab-N-Go lunch program on Monday, April 27 at 12 locations. Any student under the age of 19 will receive two free lunches and two breakfasts with each meal bag. Parents/Guardians can purchase a meal bag for $6 at the curbside pick-up locations only. Adults over the age of 60 can receive a free meal if picking up food for grandchildren.

Curbside pickup for meals is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at:

- Pueblo County High School (bus loop in back) 1050 35th Lane (this was relocated from Vineland Middle School)
- Liberty Point Middle School, 484, S. Maher, Pueblo West
- Skyview Middle School, 1047 Camino de Bravo, Pueblo West

Grab-N-Go meals will be delivered from 11 a.m. to Noon via First Student School buses at the following locations: *(Meals are available on first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No adult meals are served).*

- Craver Middle School, 4850 Crow Cut Off Road, Colorado City
- Beulah School, 8734 School House Lane, Beulah
- Avondale Elementary, 213 U.S. 50, Avondale
- Pleasant View Middle, 23600 Everett Road
• Oakwood Estates Mobile Home Park off U.S. 50/96 near the Pueblo Airport
• Stonegate Village Apartments, 393 E. Spaulding Ave, Pueblo West
• Pueblo West Campground, 480 E. McCulloch Blvd., Pueblo West
• Memorial Recreation Center, near E. George Drive, Pueblo West
• Liberty Point Mobile Home Park at Dawnview Dr.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Event Scheduled for April 25 Postponed

The spring National Prescription Drug Take Back Event, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, scheduled for Saturday, April 25 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event allows the public to safely dispose any unused, unwanted or outdated prescription medications at designated locations in the community. Once the health crisis has receded and national emergency guidelines have been lifted, the DEA will work to reschedule the event. Pueblo County offers free year-round medication disposal at several sites. To find the sites and hours go to https://county.pueblo.org/public-health/recycling

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.

State’s Stay-At-Home Order Set to Expire April 26; Safer-at-Home Phase Begins April 27

With the state’s Stay-At-Home order set to expire on Sunday and replaced with the Safer-at-Home phase, Governor Jared Polis has outlined what this new phase means in terms of businesses re-opening and limitations on physical distancing.

The goal of the Safer-At-Home phase means:

• Vulnerable populations and older adults must stay home unless absolutely necessary;
• No group gatherings of more than 10 people
• Critical businesses will remain open with strict precautions (social distancing, masks for all employees, more frequent cleanings)
• Retail businesses may open for curbside delivery and phased-in public opening with strict precautions
• Nightclubs, gyms and spas will remain closed
• Elective medical and dental procedures begin with strict precautions to ensure adequate personal protective equipment and the ability to meet critical care needs.
• Personal services (salons, tattoo parlors, dog grooming, personal training) will open with strict precautions
• K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions will continue to suspend normal in-person instruction for the 2019-2020 school year
• Telecommuting continues for offices. Starting May 4, up to 50% of staff can work in person (with social distancing in place)
• The state is not changing requirements for nursing home and other senior care facilities. There will continue to be restrictions on visiting residents.

The Safer-at-Home phase is NOT:

• A free-for all
• An opportunity to leave the house as much as possible and spread the virus to others
• An excuse to not wear a facial covering, or begin giving hugs or handshakes
• Going to the mountains to spend the weekend
• Conducting unnecessary travel
• Having parties or get togethers
• Playing in pick up sports games.

Further guidance will be forthcoming on affected industries including retail, offices, elective medical and dental services, child care, education, persona services and real estate.

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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