April 24, 2020

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

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Health and Environment announced a ninth death of a Pueblo County resident related to COVID-19. A 68-year-old female who was reported as a probable case in Pueblo County, has passed away from the virus. Public health officials also announced today five new positive COVID-19 cases and the one probable* case in Pueblo County. The new confirmed positive cases are a 23-year-old female, 60-year-old female, 65-year-old female, 56-year-old male and 29-year-old male. The one probable case is the 68-year-old female reported death.

Pueblo County now has a total of 120 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 756 tests administered in Pueblo County. There have been 624** negative results with 0 test results still pending, and three tests unable to be read and determined unsatisfactory. To date, nine 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 120 COVID-19 Confirmed Positive and Probable Cases

Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Age Group
Age Cases
Group
0-9   3
10-19  1
20-29  16
Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female 69
Male 42

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 1
70-79 0
80+ 1

Probable Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female 5
Male 1
Unavailable 3

Pueblo County’s 9 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
50-59 1
60-69 2
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, chills, headache, sore throat and muscle pain). 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).

Mayor Gradisar Discusses Safer-at-Home, Local COVID-19 Testing on Weekly Address

Mayor Nick Gradisar discussed several local topics related to the COVID-19 pandemic during his weekly address on Friday. Gradisar talked about Safer-at-Home guidelines, re-opening business, the local testing site at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. To see the Mayor’s address, go to https://youtu.be/bOrSbP88Z0I?t=49

Pueblo Water Offers Guidelines for Refreshing, Maintaining Water Quality in Buildings Closed During Stay-at-Home Order

Pueblo Water is offering guidelines for homes, businesses and buildings that have been shuttered during the Stay-at-Home order. Pueblo Water recommends flushing pipes to maintain or restore water quality. For more information on how to flush pipes for homes and businesses go to https://pueblowater.org/flush-pipes-to-maintain-or-restore-water-quality/

Supporting Pueblo Community Marketplace Open

A marketplace featuring local products and businesses launched a new website supportingpueblo.com to help support local businesses. The website provides a list of local restaurants and businesses that offer curbside pick-up and online shopping and delivery. It also allows for the public to shop local favorites from a single online site and have the items available for pick up or delivery.

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](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.

**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.](https://www.colorado.gov/pd/Stay-Home-Order-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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