April 27, 2020

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

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Health and Environment announced today one new positive COVID-19 cases in Pueblo County. The new confirmed positive cases is a 54-year-old female.

Pueblo County now has a total of 133 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 Custer, one from Huerfano County, one from Douglas County, two from Fremont County, one from Rio Grande, one from Prowers). There have been 820 tests administered in Pueblo County. There have been 659** negative results with 16 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 133 COVID-19 Confirmed Positive and Probable Cases

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Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female 76
Male 48

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
70-79 1
80+ 5

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).

Pueblo COVID-19 Hotline Changes Hours of Operation Beginning Wednesday, April 29

The Pueblo COVID-19 Hotline established last month to answer questions from the public regarding the COVID-19 pandemic is changing hours of operation beginning Wednesday, April 29. The hotline will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at (719) 583-4444. At times the Pueblo COVID-19 Hotline may experience a high volume of calls, please be patient and remain on the line and the next available call taker will take the call.

St. Mary Corwin Amends Visitor Restrictions

Centura Health announced today a modification to visitor restrictions at all its care locations, including St. Mary Corwin Medical Center. Patients are now allowed to have one visitor per day. All visitors must check in at the front desk or the emergency room. Visitors are required to wear self-provided face coverings while inside the facility and will screened, including for body temperature. Any visitor with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will not be permitted in the facility.

City Council Meeting Conducted Through Zoom

The Pueblo City Council is holding its regular meeting tonight at 7 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing which will allow for remote access. Mayor Nick Gradisar is urging anyone interested in the meeting to stay at home and watch it on Comcast government access channel 17, on the city’s Facebook page or on the live stream at www.pueblo.us. Those who want to attend the meeting in person will be required to have their temperature check prior to entering the City Council Chambers. Public comment will be allowed and individuals wishing to speak in person must sign up beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Anyone wanting to speak through the online format must call 719-225-3897 to sign up via Zoom. Sign-up will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Instructions for Zoom video conferencing are available at www.pueblo.us/86.

2020 Census Deadline Extended Until October, Residents Encouraged to Take Survey

The 2020 Census deadline has been extended until October due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Residents are urged to take the Census Survey at www.my2020census.gov. The survey takes about 10 minutes. The survey can also be done by phone or by mail. All personal information is kept confidential by law.

Colorado State Patrol Lifts Statewide Accident Alert
The Colorado State Patrol announced Monday the accident alert is no longer in effect and anyone involved in a crash must report it to law enforcement. The CSP went on accident alert statewide March 25 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Governor Releases Safer-at-Home Executive Order**

Governor Jared Polis released the Safer-at-Home executive order that outlines changes that allow for a more sustainable way of living while slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus and allowing more residents to return to work. The changes happening during Safer-at-Home go into effect today, May 1 and May 4. The goal of Safer-at-Home is to maintain 60% to 65% social distancing and vulnerable residents should continue to stay at home. The order is effective April 27 and is tentatively set to expire in 30 days. Read the Safer-at-Home Order [here](#).

**Governor Signs Executive Order Allowing Medical, Dental, Veterinary Elective Procedures**

Governor Jared Polis signed an executive order that is effective April 27 allowing for medical, dental and veterinary voluntary elective surgeries to resume as long as the health care facility or other setting is following the required safety protocols. The order requires facilities performing the procedures to establish a plan to reduce or stop voluntary or elective surgeries and procedures if there is a surge of COVID-19 infections in the county. Read the executive order [here](#).

**Governor Polis Creates New Normal Advisory Board**

Governor Jared Polis established a New Normal Advisory board to advise him and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on coordinating polices and rules designed to maximize social distancing during the Safer-at-Home phase. The board will focus on how local jurisdictions and local public health agencies coordinate with the state on public education efforts that aim to maximize compliance and enforcement during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read the order [here](#).

**Colorado Joins Pact with Western States on Modifying Stay-at-Home and Fighting COVID-19**

Governor Jared Polis announced today Colorado has joined the Western States Pact, a working group of governors with a shared vision for modifying stay at home and fighting COVID-19. The other states in the pact are Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington. The shared principles to the agreement are: Our residents’ health comes first; health outcomes and science, not politics, will guide decisions and states will only be effective by working together.

**Symptomatic Individuals Encouraged to do 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 Safer at Home order
- 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. **New hours for Pueblo COVID-19 Hotline begin Wednesday, April 29 to 9 AM – 4PM Monday through Friday.**

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