May 5, 2020

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

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Health and Environment announced today five new positive COVID-19 cases in Pueblo County. The new confirmed positive cases are one-year-old female, 42-year-old female, 45-year-old female, 46-year-old female and a 54-year-old female.

Pueblo County now has a total of 163 confirmed positive and probable* cases among Pueblo County residents. There have been 1,771 tests administered in Pueblo County.

*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.
Pueblo County’s 163 COVID-19 Confirmed Positive and Probable Cases

Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Age Group

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Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Sex

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Probable Cases in Pueblo by Age Group
Age Cases
Group
0-9    0
10-19  0
20-29  4
30-39  1
40-49  2
50-59  2
60-69  1
70-79  0
80+    1

Probable Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female  7
Male    1
Unavailable  3

Pueblo County’s 11 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+    7

Colorado Department of Education Releases Graduation Guidance

The Colorado Department of Education announced today guidelines for graduation ceremonies when distancing restrictions are in place. CDE has stated traditional graduation ceremonies are not safe at this time as gatherings of larger than 10 individuals are not permitted under the Safer-at-Home order. CDE also released restrictions for public gatherings as people plan for ways to honor graduates and provided ideas for alternatives to typical graduation ceremonies. This information can be found at https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/graduation-ceremonyguidance
Camping at State Parks and Wildlife Areas to Remain Closed

Colorado Parks and Wildlife announced today camping at state parks and wildlife areas will remain closed until further notice as CPW officials work to implement system-wide safety protocols regarding social distancing. No date has been set when the sites will reopen. CPW is working with federal and local municipal partners and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to determine a timeline for camping.

State Park Rangers remain on duty protecting the parks and regular rules and regulations continue to be enforced. Park trail closures due to visitation or crowding will be reported on the Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) App and the CPW website.

Counties, municipalities and land management agencies continue to update guidance including travel restrictions, road closures and access limitations on the Colorado Counties Inc. Safer-At-Home map.

Residents are urged to respect safer-at-home orders and stay close to home and use local trails and parks. CPW also encourages park visitors to follow trail safety etiquette and visit parks responsibly. For more information on park closures, permits, licenses and outdoor recreation policies visit COVID-19 Response website.

Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Releases $1.5 million to Support Displaced Workers

The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative announced today that $750,000 in grants will be made available annually to help workers displaced by COVID-19 enroll in certification and degree programs that align with Colorado Top Jobs so they can complete their credentials within the next two years.

Public higher education institutions, community partners and workforce centers are encouraged to apply for the funds though a request for proposal grant process. Interested applicants can review grant eligibility and application materials.

Pueblo County Holding Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site Until May 30 at State Fairgrounds

Pueblo County is opened a drive-thru 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 at the Colorado State Fairgrounds, 1001 Beulah Avenue (enter through Gate 4 off Mesa Avenue and Gaylord Avenue).

District 70 Meets Remotely Tonight

Pueblo School District 70 will hold its Tuesday night board meeting remotely with live-streaming and public comment available. The meeting will be from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will be live-streamed on the District 70 YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0X3-WmRaMW3iAhrFvHjcDg.

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 9AM – 4PM, Monday – Friday 719-583-4444.

At times the Pueblo COVID-9 Hotline 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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