June 3, 2020

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

Pueblo County’s Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site Extended Through June
Pueblo County’s free COVID-19 drive-thru testing at the Colorado State Fairgrounds is extended through June on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to test anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (body aches, loss of sense of taste or smell, cough, difficulty breathing, fever over 100.4 degrees, chills, headache, sore throat and muscle pain) and certain groups of asymptomatic people.

The testing site at the Colorado State Fairgrounds (enter through Gate 4 off Mesa Avenue and Gaylord Avenue) is drive-thru only and individuals 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. Everybody being tested must be able to administer the test to themselves. The first 250 individuals each day will have access to drive-up testing. No physician order is required and all testing is free.

View a video of the COVID-19 Self-Swabbing Test https://youtu.be/vsQVxsQY3jc

Mayor’s Community Connections to Address Pueblo Shares, Restaurant Reopening Plan
Mayor Nick Gradisar is scheduled to discuss the Pueblo Shares Initiative and the restaurant reopening plan during his monthly Community Connections at 10 a.m. Friday, June 5. Mayor Gradisar will be joined by several guests to discuss how the public can access and contribute content to the new Pueblo Shares platform. Pueblo Shares was created by the City and County of Pueblo to encourage businesses, education and the community to share stories to positively promote living, investing and visiting the Pueblo region. The mayor also will provide information on the city’s restaurant reopening plan pertaining to the emergency ordinance recently approved by Pueblo City Council. The ordinance eases the permit process for bars and restaurants to allow them to expand their business within their buildings as well on outdoor sidewalks and parking lots. No audiences will be allowed during the program due to the governor’s social distancing order. Questions can be submitted prior to Friday’s program at mayor@pueblo.us or on Facebook while it is being livestreamed on the city and mayor pages. The program is also available for viewing on the city’s website at www.pueblo.us.

State Allows Some Child Care Providers to Return to Regular Group Sizes
Governor Jared Polis announced beginning Thursday, June 4, that certain child-care providers may return to regular group sizes and licensed capacity as state in state child-care licensing rules. The guidance applies to child-care centers, family child-care homes and building-based school-age child-care programs only. It does not include school-age day camps, license-exempt youth programs or children’s resident camps. Child-care providers must still adhere to other health and safety guidelines as outlined by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. For more information on the guidance click here.
Americorps and Senior Corps Members Mobilized to Support State’s Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Governor Jared Polis announced Tuesday the Corporation for National and Community Service will mobilize more than 800 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members to support the state’s COVID-19 response. The national service members will do contact tracing and other work needed to help the state reopen and residents return to work. As the state increases testing and continues to reopen in phases, tracing contacts of positive cases is key to containing the virus and keeping economies open. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will arrange training and determine assignments for AmeriCorps and Senior Corps volunteers.

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 each area or region. The symptom tracker is on the “do you have symptoms?” webpage on the COVID-19 website.

Pueblo COVID-19 Updates to be Released Three Times a Week

As a coordinated response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment will provide updates from a variety of local agencies responding to this health emergency and COVID-19 case updates. Local updates will go out at 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Pueblo’s COVID-19 Case Updates

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced four new positive COVID-19 cases in Pueblo County since Monday, June 1. The confirmed positives cases are a 77-year-old female, 85-year-old female, 98-year-old female and a 67-year-old male. Pueblo County has a total of 302 confirmed positive and probable* cases among Pueblo County residents. The total number of people testing, 6,120 is not reflective of everyone testing negative in Pueblo County.

As of May 27, confirmed and probable cases have been combined to align with state and national data. However, the COVID-19 Status Update chart will continue to show probable cases.

As cases continue to be investigated, the data in this update is subject to change.

*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.

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced a COVID-19 outbreak at Panda Express in Pueblo County. To date, Panda Express has had two employees test positive for COVID-19.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, an outbreak in a facility is defined as two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 during a 14-day period.

CDPHE reports outbreaks at facilities statewide is updated weekly on Wednesdays at https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/outbreak-data.
Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Cases** in Pueblo by Age Group

**Age**  **Cases**

**Group**

0-9  5  
10-19  9  
20-29  52  
30-39  36  

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Confirmed and Probable Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female 176
Male 122
Unavailable 4

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Pueblo County’s COVID-19 Death by Age Group
Age Group Cases
0-9 0
10-19 0
20-29 0
30-39 0
40-49 0
50-59 2
60-69 3
70-79 6
80+ 8

Pueblo County’s COVID-19 Deaths by Sex
Female 5
Male 13
Unavailable 1

Help Protect Pueblo from COVID-19
To protect the Pueblo community and the most vulnerable, everybody has a responsibility to:

- 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.
- Seek preventative and routine care through your primary care provider and use the emergency room when medically necessary.
• Wash your hands with soap regularly.
• Cough or sneeze into elbow or tissue.
• Stay home when you are 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 (closed for government holidays) 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 be with you.

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![COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing](image-url)