May 18, 2020

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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. 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.

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).

Pueblo West High School Senior Parade Scheduled for Tuesday Night

A parade of ONLY staff members from Pueblo West High School honoring high school seniors is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (May 19). Students and families are invited to watch and wave along the route. The parade will begin at Pueblo West High School and travel northeast on Spaulding Ave. to Purcell Blvd., then on to Joe Martinez Blvd and back to McCulloch before returning to the high school via Spaulding Ave. A similar parade will be scheduled to honor the Pueblo County High School graduates. Details of that parade have not yet been announced.

Pueblo Community College Hosts Virtual Graduation Friday Night

Pueblo Community College will hold a virtual commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 at 6 p.m. Friday, May 22. The ceremony can be seen on live stream at pueblocc.edu/Livestream, Facebook Live via PCC’s Facebook page or televised in Pueblo on Comcast Xfinity Cable Channel 19.

Census Field Operations Resume in Colorado

The U.S. Census Bureau will resume the 2020 Census field operations in Colorado this week. Census employees will observe social distancing protocols and will wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the health and safety of the employees and the public. Census Bureau field employees will begin dropping off 2020 Census invitation packets at front doors of households in areas that do not receive mail at their homes.
The Census Bureau is also resuming fingerprinting for new census takers to keep applicants moving through the hiring process. Click HERE for updates on field operations by location.

**Governor Announces Expanded Testing Capacity; Anyone Who is Symptomatic Should Get Tested**

Governor Jared Polis announced today that Colorado now has the supplies and capacity to test anyone with COVID-19 symptoms. Polis set a goal in late April to test all symptomatic individuals and now with increased capacity, the governor is now urging anyone with symptoms to get tested for the virus. Colorado now has the ability to test: any individual who has COVID-19 symptoms; any individual who is employed as a health care worker, nursing home worker or first responder; any essential worker who directly interacts with the public while working, per state or employer guidelines. The four ways testing is available in Colorado is health care providers, local community-based testing sites, specialized testing sites and private sector partners.

**Governor’s Office to Release Draft Restaurant Guidance**

The Governor’s Office will release on Tuesday draft restaurant guidance and solicit feedback prior to creating a final document. The guidance will be provided to restaurants when they are allowed to re-open. Implementation dates will not be set and will be subject to change based on the trajectory of the epidemiology.

**Governor Extends Order Requiring Critical Business Workers to Wear Face Coverings**

Governor Jared Polis signed an executive order on Sunday to extend the order requiring workers at critical businesses to wear non-medical face coverings while at work and to wear gloves (if gloves are provided by an employer) when in contact with customers or goods. The order is designed to help protect workers and residents in long-term care facilities and many other critical industries. Other orders signed by the Governor on Sunday can be found on the COVID19.colorado.gov.

**Leaders from Diverse Industries Across State Partner to Energize Colorado**

Businesses or non-profit in need of financial support, PPE and supplies, business guidance, free professional services, mental health resources or reopening help are encouraged to visit the new Energize Colorado initiative. The resource is an initiative from the Colorado State Office of Economic Development and International Trade. To learn more go to www.energizecolorado.com.

**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.

**Health Solutions Accepting New Clients**

Health Solutions announced it has capacity for new clients at the medical center and behavioral health services, to include services for adults and children. For more information call (719) 545-2746 or www.health.solutions.
Pueblo’s COVID-19 Case Updates

Pueblo Health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment today announced the deaths of two Pueblo County resident related to COVID-19, bringing the total number of Pueblo County deaths to 14. A 56-year-old male, who was reported as a previous positive case, and a 79-year-old male, who was reported as a previous probable case, passed away from the virus.


Pueblo County has a total of 217 confirmed positive and probable* cases among Pueblo County residents. The total number of people testing, 3,471, is not reflective of everyone testing negative 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.
Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Pueblo by Age Group

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Confirmed Cases in Pueblo by Sex

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Probable COVID-19 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 14 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  2
60-69  2
70-79  3
80+    7

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.
- 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 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](http://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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