June 12, 2020

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

Pueblo County Receives Partial Approval of Variance
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has approved portions of Pueblo County’s variance request to portions of Public Health Order 20-28 Safer at Home. The variance approval pertains to increases in the permitted size of outdoor and indoor activities with guidance for gathering sizes, house of worship, gyms, theaters, bowling alleys, indoor malls, bars, wineries, tasting rooms, distilleries, graduation ceremonies, libraries, private membership organizations, indoor malls entertainment and recreation (youth and adult league and recreational ball parks, dog parks, skating rinks, museums, race tracks). One request that was not approved in the variance was allowing personal services of estheticians to resume due to CDPHE still working on a framework for this service. To read more on the variance click here.

Colorado Tourism Office Launches Campaign Encouraging Travelers to Protect Destinations and People
The Colorado Tourism Office released a video promoting the state’s new stance on responsible travel, encouraging visitors to show care for destinations and the people who live there. The video, which can be seen here, shares steps on keeping everyone safe, including references to social distancing and wearing face masks.

Symptomatic Individuals Encouraged to do Pilot COVID-19 Symptom Tracker Survey
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment offers a short survey 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 here.

Pueblo County’s Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site Open Through June
Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am-3pm
Pueblo County’s free COVID-19 drive-thru testing at the Colorado State Fairgrounds is open through June on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Currently, the following individuals can be tested for COVID-19 at Pueblo’s COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing:

- Any individual who is symptomatic (symptoms include body aches, loss of sense of taste or smell, cough, difficulty breathing, fever over 100.4 degrees, chills, headache, sore throat and muscle pain
- Anyone over the age of 65 (symptomatic or asymptomatic)
- African American, Latino, American Indian Tribes (symptomatic or asymptomatic)
• Anyone who had contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19
• Health care workers and first responders (symptomatic or asymptomatic)
• A resident of a long-term care facility or anyone experiencing homelessness
• Attended a large gathering or protest

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

**Pueblo’s COVID-19 Case Updates**

Health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced today that **two** Pueblo County residents have died related to COVID-19. A 92-year-old male and a 91-year-old female, both who previously were reported confirmed positive, died. The two reported deaths bring the total in Pueblo County to 22. A previously reported death of a probable COVID-19 case has since been determined to be unrelated to COVID-19.

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced **seven** new positive COVID-19 cases in Pueblo County since Wednesday, June 10. The confirmed positives cases are a 44-year-old female, 64-year-old female, 70-year-old female, 72-year-old female, 93-year-old female, 44-year-old male and a 85-year-old male. Pueblo County has a total of **330** confirmed positive and probable* cases among Pueblo County residents. The total number of people testing, **6,709** is not reflective of everyone testing negative in Pueblo County.

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.

**COVID-19 Status Update charts unavailable at time of this report.**

**Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Case in Pueblo by Age Group**

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40-49  55  
50-59  56  
60-69  38  
70-79  30  
80+    41  

Confirmed and Probable Cases in Pueblo by Sex  
Female   194  
Male     133  
Unavailable   4  

Pueblo County’s COVID-19 Death by Age Group  
Age   Cases  
Group  
0-9    0  
10-19  0  
20-29  0  
30-39  0  
40-49  0  
50-59  3  
60-69  3  
70-79  5  
80+    11  

Pueblo County’s COVID-19 Deaths by Sex  
Female   7  
Male     14  
Unavailable   1  

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

• Follow the Governor’s Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors 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, chills, headache, sore throat and new loss of smell or taste, 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’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 (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)