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

Possible Community Exposure to COVID-19 from Celebration of Life
The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment notified participants of the Mike Roumph Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the Thunderzone that an attendee tested positive for COVID-19.

Individuals who were at the Thunderzone for this event and are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 should remain at home and contact their health care provider. If you are having symptoms, do not go to work, stay home, isolate and get tested. If you need to go out, please wear a mask as you may spread the virus two days before you feel symptoms.

Mayor Gradisar’s Message

Department of Justice Issues Alert of Fraudulent Facemask Flyers
The Department of Justice has issued an alert regarding the distribution of postings and flyers regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act and the use of facemasks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The flyers, some of which contain the Department of Justice seal, are fraudulent. The postings were not issued nor are endorsed by the Department of Justice. The public should not rely on the information contained in the posting but should visit the Americans With Disabilities Act website at ADA.gov for official information distributed by the Department of Justice.

Pueblo County’s Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site Open Only One Day Next Week; Testing Resumes July 6
Pueblo County’s free COVID-19 drive-thru testing at the Colorado State Fairgrounds will be open only on Tuesday next week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The site will be closed the rest of the week but will resume testing on July 6. Testing will continue through the end of the month every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 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, children and individuals unable to give the test to themselves will be turned away. The first 250 individuals each day able to self-administer the test 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 County EOC, COVID-19 Hotline Closed for Fourth of July Holiday
The Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center and the Pueblo COVID-19 Hotline will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The daily update media briefing, which includes updates on Pueblo County’s COVID-19 cases, will not be distributed on Friday. The COVID-19 Hotline will re-open at 9 a.m. Monday, July 6. The hotline is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (719) 583-4444.

State Health Department Releases Guidance Allowing Visitors at Residential Care Facilities
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment released guidance allowing outdoor visitation at residential care facilities. The guidance allows visitors at residential care facilities while minimizing the potential spread of COVID-19. Outdoor visitation will not be allowed if the facility has an outbreak or if the community is under a Stay-at-Home order. To view the guidance, click here.

CDC Launches Contact Tracing Website
The Center for Disease Control and Prevention launched a new website providing information on contact tracing. The website provides information on what contact tracing is, what’s involved with contact tracing and its importance in preventing the spread of infectious disease. The website can be found at cdc.gov.

Colorado’s Symptom Support Tool
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has revised the Colorado COVID Symptom Support Tool which allows individuals to share their COVID-19 symptoms and to help people get connected to resources to help them feel better. The support tool also provides a Frequently Asked Questions section and provides county-by-county data from those reporting their symptoms. The Symptom Support Tool is available on the COVID19.colorado.gov webpage.

Pueblo’s COVID-19 Case Updates
Health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced today that one Pueblo County resident has died related to COVID-19. A 74-year-old female, who was previously reported positive, died. The reported death brings the total in Pueblo County to 28.

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced ten new positive COVID-19 cases in Pueblo County since Wednesday, June 24. The positives cases are a 20-year-old female, 24-year-old female, 40-year-old female, 47-year-old female, 55-year-old female, 55-year-old female 26-year-old male, 33-year-old male, 66-year-old male, and a 21-year-old gender not known. Pueblo County has a total of 379 confirmed positive and probable* cases among Pueblo County residents. The total number of people testing, 7,639, 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.
Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Case in Pueblo by Age Group
Age   Cases
Group
0-9   6
10-19 15
20-29 63
30-39 43
40-49 61
50-59 59
60-69 45
70-79 36
80+   51

Confirmed and Probable Cases in Pueblo by Sex
Female 228
Male 146
Unavailable 5

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 7
80+   15

Pueblo County’s COVID-19 Deaths by Sex
Female 10
Male 17
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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