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Health Department Provides Printable Resource Guides

The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment has a number of resource guides for individuals, employees and employers on its website at www.pueblohealth.org. Flyers, fact sheets and printable resources regarding the variances, guidance for specific businesses and operations. Among the printable resources is a health screening log for employers, flyers for food facilities, isolation and quarantine guidelines and hygiene and proper handwashing procedures. Several of the flyers are also available in Spanish.

New Law Provides Guaranteed Paid Sick Leave for All Colorado Employees

Governor Jared Polis signed a bill Tuesday that establishes a new law “Healthy Families and Workplaces Act”, which requires employers to provide paid sick leave to employees under various circumstances. All employers in Colorado will provide up to 48 hours of paid sick leave for employees to take for reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The law also outlines provisions for paid sick leave accruals and how employees may use the paid accrued sick leave. To view the law click here.

Mask Up Pueblo Campaign Kicks Off

The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment has launched a new social media campaign designed to highlight why community leaders and the general public are wearing a mask. All individuals wearing a mask are encouraged to share a picture of themselves with their mask and a short message about why they are wearing a mask. The photos will be featured on the PDPHE Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. Don’t forget to use the hashtag #MaskUpPueblo. View the first post on Facebook here. Submit photos and captions to sarah.joseph@pueblocounty.us.

New Qualifications added for Pueblo County’s Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site

Update: Individuals five years and older and those with functional needs, including adults may be tested by a caregiver or adult at Pueblo’s Drive Thru COVID-19 Testing Site.

Pueblo County’s free COVID-19 drive-thru testing at the Colorado State Fairgrounds continues every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 9 a.m. There is no limit to the number of people who can be tested per day.

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. No physician order is required, and all testing is free.

View a short video of the COVID-19 Self-Swabbing Test [https://youtu.be/vsQVxsQY3jC](https://youtu.be/vsQVxsQY3jC)

**Outbreak Updates**

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced three community COVID-19 outbreaks in Pueblo County. The Desert Hawk Golf Course in Pueblo West, Pueblo Youth Services Center the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) have reported outbreaks.

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.

To date, Desert Hawk has two employees who tested positive for COVID-19 and the community has been notified of possible exposure for anyone who was at the golf course from June 29 through July 3.

Pueblo Youth Services Center, 1406 W. 17th St., has four clients who have tested positive for COVID-19. PCAPP, located at the Pueblo Chemical Depot, has five staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19.

Pueblo County has had nine outbreaks, four are resolved and five are active. CDPHE’s report of outbreaks at facilities statewide is updated weekly on Wednesdays at [https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/outbreak-data](https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/outbreak-data).

**Pueblo’s COVID-19 Case Updates**

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.
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Confirmed and Probable Cases in Pueblo by Sex

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Male 186
Unavailable 4

Pueblo County's COVID-19 Death by Age Group

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Pueblo County's COVID-19 Deaths by Sex

Female 11
Male 19
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 COVID-19. Symptoms are fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea. This list does not include all possible symptoms. Visit cdc.gov for the list of symptoms as it continues to be updated with more information learned about COVID-19.
- 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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