Monday, August 24, 2020
Chaffee County Public Health (CCPH) COVID-19 Update

Please follow these situational awareness reports, which currently are released on Mondays and Thursdays. You can find additional updates on our Facebook page, on the county website and on the Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard. We will continue to work closely with our local media to push out timely and accurate information. FYI: Over the weekends, the CCPH staff takes a break from social media.

5 Commitments to Containment

In Chaffee County we:

- Maintain 6 feet of physical distance
- Wash our hands often
- Properly wear face coverings in public
- Get tested if we have symptoms
- Stay home when sick

For more information on the COVID-19 response in Chaffee County, visit http://www.chaffecounty.org/Public-Health-Coronavirus.
Or call 719-539-4510.
Community Testing Clinics in Salida and Buena Vista
Chaffee County Public Health, in collaboration with Chaffee County EMS, hosts weekly free COVID-19 Community Testing Clinics.

- The Tuesday and Thursday clinics are held in Salida at the Touber Building at 448 E. First St. from 9:30-11 a.m.
- The Wednesday clinic is held from 9-11 a.m. in Buena Vista at 114 Linderman Ave. (subject to cancellation if the headcount is too low)

**Testing is by appointment only.** Appointments must be scheduled by close of business the day before the testing clinic will be held. Criteria for testing includes:

- Any community member (or others who consider Chaffee County their medical home) who is showing symptoms.
- Any asymptomatic patient who has a known contact (within 6 feet, greater than 15 minutes) with a positive case or has traveled in an area with high rates of transmission. This does not include secondary contacts.
- All healthcare workers, first responders, senior care facility workers, and essential workers who directly interact with the public while working, whether or not those individuals have symptoms or not.
If you are interested in testing, call us at 719-539-4510 to be screened and scheduled for testing. Those with severe respiratory symptoms should contact their primary care provider directly.

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**Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Update**

HRRMC updates can be found on the [Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](https://www.chaffeco.gov/coronavirus).

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**On Aug. 21, the state health department launched an updated dashboard and published data on hospital patient trends.**

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**Chaffee County by the Numbers**

Our [Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](https://www.chaffeco.gov/coronavirus) provides real-time updates and provides the most current information regarding COVID-19 in our county. It is a work in progress and there are several other metrics that we hope to add in the future. We ask for your patience as we continue strengthening this tool. If you have feedback regarding the dashboard, please use this [form](https://www.chaffeco.gov/coronavirus).

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**Graph of Reported Cases at BVCC**

![Graph of Reported Cases at BVCC](https://www.chaffeco.gov/coronavirus)
Guidance for Primary and Secondary Contacts

As we are still at risk in our community, we need to continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, wash our hands often and stay home when we are sick.

Despite being vigilant, you may still encounter someone who just tested positive for COVID-19. See the graphic below, which explains what primary and secondary contacts should do in regard to quarantining and testing.

Response to the Wildfires and COVID-19

On Aug. 18, Governor Jared Polis provided an update on the state’s response to the wildfires and COVID-19.

On Aug. 21, Gov. Polis activated the Colorado National Guard to assist with wildland fire response and provide COVID-19 testing to wildland firefighting teams.

“Whether it’s the fight against COVID or the fight against drought-induced wildfires, Colorado’s National Guard is ready to rise to the challenge to help our communities,” said Gov. Polis.
Due to COVID-19, Governor Polis extended a series of Executive Orders, which authorize certain state agencies to proclaim and issue emergency rules extending the expiration date of licenses and other documents.

Governor Polis pushed last call to 11 p.m.
Restaurants will now be able to serve alcohol until 11 p.m. Depending on COVID-19 trends, last call may move to midnight within a month’s time.

Current Public Health Orders

Executive Order on Masks 8.14.20
Governor Jared Polis extended and amended an Executive Order requiring Coloradans to wear face coverings. The Executive Order expires 30 days from Aug. 14.

Executive Order on Masks FAQ
Chaffee County Amended Public Health Order 8.4.20
Colorado’s 6th Amended Public Health Order
Colorado Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Order 6.1.2020

Need help? Want to help?
For local resources related to COVID-19, visit www.chaffecounty.org and click the RED COVID-19 button.