Monday, August 31, 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.

Safe Activities
How to stay well and help slow the spread of COVID-19

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- What is the risk level of the activity?
- Is there a safer alternative (outdoors, smaller group)?
- Do the benefits of participating in the activity outweigh the risk of potentially being exposed?
- What is the current community spread in my area?
- Is anyone vulnerable (myself or others in my group)?

For more information on the COVID-19 response in Chaffee County, visit http://www.chaffeecounty.org/Public-Health-Coronavirus.

Or call 719-539-4510.
As we approach Labor Day weekend, let’s remain mindful of the necessary precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19. In our community, we are committed to:

- Maintaining 6 feet of physical distance.
- Frequently washing our hands.
- Wearing face coverings while in public.
- Getting tested if we have symptoms.
- Staying home if we feel sick.

We are still under the Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Executive Order, which advises Coloradoans to limit social interactions to the greatest extent possible. The order also directs vulnerable individuals to stay away from others as much as possible.

Face coverings, social distancing, limited activity and fewer large gatherings are helping our vulnerable population and community as a whole.

Please keep in mind that recent positive cases have been attributed to traveling to other counties and states, as well as participating in large-scale events. Public Health prevention strategies are in place to protect you and your family from the virus.

We care about you and look forward to a happy and safe holiday weekend!

Thank you for your hard work and sacrifices to help curb the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

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.

The current wait time for test results is only 2-3 days.

Those with severe respiratory symptoms should contact their primary care provider directly.

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Update
HRRMC updates can be found on the Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard.

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

Outbreaks are reportable to the state and will be listed on the state dashboard.

For information related to the Buena Vista Correctional Complex, please refer to their outbreak website.

Chaffee County by the Numbers
Our Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard 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.

Over the last two weeks, our positivity rate dropped down to 2%.
Graphs of Reported Cases

COVID-19 Cases Reported
In Chaffee County

- Cases at Columbine
- BV DOC
- In County Not Columbine or BV DOC
- Deaths
- Trend Columbine
- BV-DOC Trend
- Trend County
All Inmates and Staff being tested.
All BVCC offenders will be considered recovered as of Sept. 1, 2020.

Updates from Governor Polis

On Aug. 26, Gov. Polis shared the status of the eight wildfires in Colorado, in addition to the state’s response to COVID-19. He also made an announcement about the Special Evictions Prevention Task Force, as well as the Energize Colorado Gap Fund. The Gap Fund will provide loans, grants, and other financial relief for small businesses.

The application launched today, Monday, Aug. 31.

Current Public Health Orders

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

We are Hiring!

We are looking for a firm that can build off of the current Chaffee County COVID-19 Data Dashboard and provide even more critical metrics to our community.
For further details, click here.

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