

Chaffee County Public Health: August 6th, 2020 COVID-19 Update

Due to our current stable COVID-19 environment, we will no longer be holding our regularly scheduled virtual events. Please follow our situational awareness reports which will be released on Mondays and Thursdays for now, and 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. *The CCPH staff will take a break from social media over each weekend.*

In Chaffee County we:

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

NEW Community Pulse Survey

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic together, Chaffee County Public Health and Solvista Health continue to work together to provide resources to community members. This [Community Pulse Survey](#) is one tool we established to get a "pulse" of how our community members are doing during this challenging time. Understanding your current environment and any uncertainty you may face will help us better support you immediately and in the future.

This quick check in should take you no more than 3 minutes to complete. This is set up with an anonymous link and will not be possible to identify any individual respondent from this process, unless you choose to do so at the end of this survey. **This survey is not intended for emergency use, please contact 719-539-6502 to speak with a crisis clinician or text "TALK" to 38255.**

We appreciate your open and honest feedback so that we can make meaningful adjustments as the situation evolves. We are using the themes from this survey to provide more targeted resources and health services for you.

NEW Amended Public Health Order

On August 4th, the [Chaffee County Amended Public Health Order](#) was updated. As you review this order, you will see much of it is now aligned with the latest State's Public Health Order.

NEW CCPH is Hiring

The Chaffee County BOCC is accepting applications for a part-time 20 hr/wk nurse to work in the Public Health Department with the COVID-19 program. Under the direct supervision and

guidance of the Public Health Director, with support from the internal COVID-19 team, the COVID-19 Public Health Nurse is responsible for participating in the COVID-19 efforts including testing (set-up, day of activities at the testing site, and results follow-up), contact tracing, and education and outreach. Minimum requirements include High School diploma or equivalent, Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing preferred, Associate Degree in Nursing with extensive public health nursing experience will be considered; experience with Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Funding for this position runs approximately 28 months; flexible hours from Friday thru Monday and other days as needed. Starting annual salary is \$31,200 (\$30 per hour); benefits include participation in the County's retirement plan and prorated holidays and leave time. Application and a copy of the job description are available [HERE](#).

Community Dashboard

We are thrilled to share the NEW [Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](#). This dashboard will provide real-time updates and is the place to find the most current information regarding COVID-19 in Chaffee County. It is a work in progress and there are several other metrics that we hope to add in the future. Instead of waiting until it is fully complete, we wanted to get this out as soon as possible. We ask for your patience as we continue strengthening this tool. If you have feedback regarding the dashboard that you would like to share, please use this [form](#).

NEW Community Testing Clinics in Salida and BV

Chaffee County Public Health, in collaboration with Chaffee County EMS, hosts free COVID-19 Community Testing Clinic weekly. Tuesdays and Thursdays are held in Salida at the Toubert Building from 9:30-11 and Wednesdays in Buena Vista from 9-11am at 114 Linderman Avenue. **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 Public Health at 719-539-4510 to be screened and scheduled for testing. Those with severe respiratory symptoms should contact their primary care provider directly.

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Update

HRRMC updates can now be found on the NEW [Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

By the Numbers - Chaffee County

Case number updates can now be found on the NEW [Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](#).
Colorado State data available here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-data>

Need help? Want to help?

For all local resources related to COVID-19, visit www.chaffeecounty.org, click RED COVID-19 button.

Current Public Health Orders

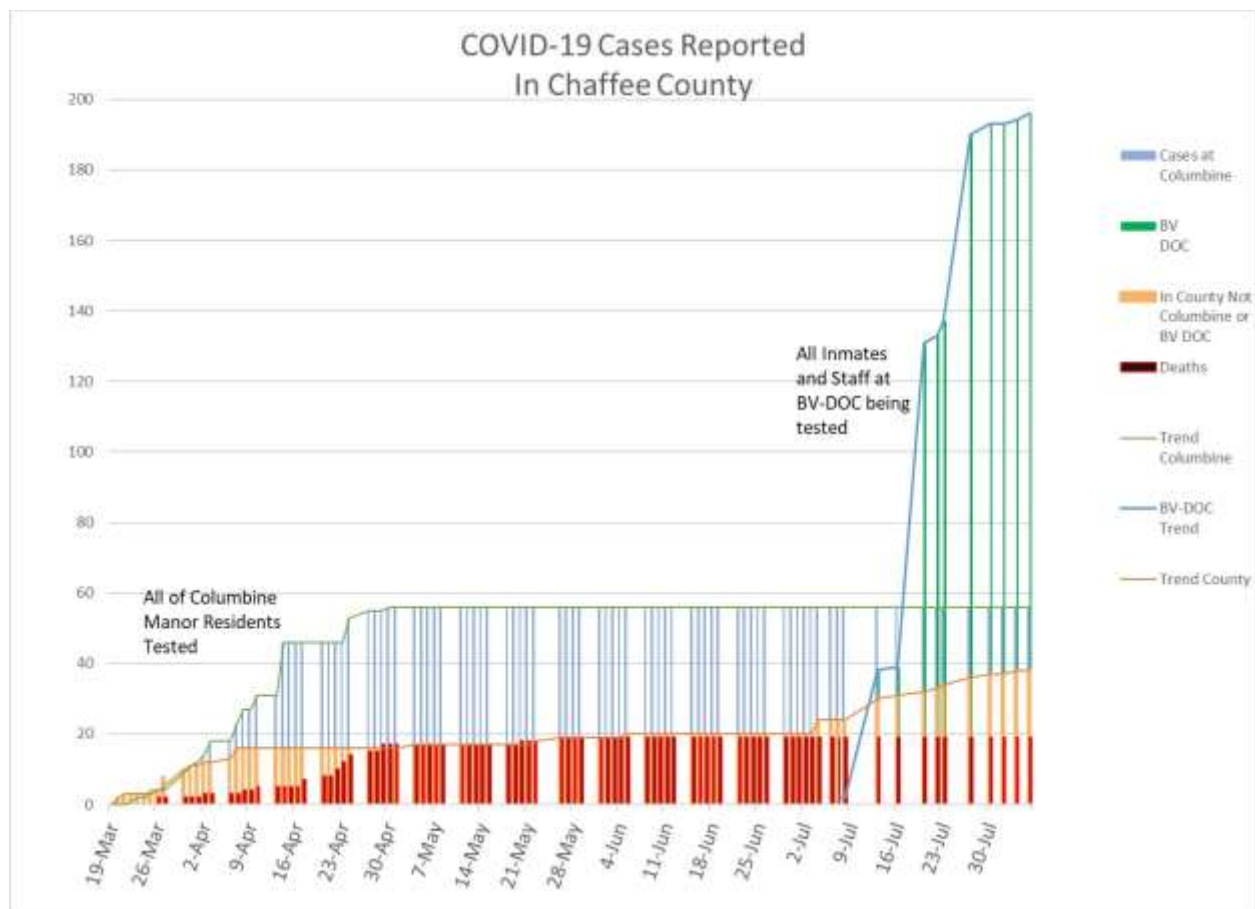
[Executive Order on Masks](#)

[Executive Order on Masks FAQ](#)

NEW [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](#)



COVID-19 Cases Reported
In Chaffee County

