Monday, September 14, 2020
Chaffee County Public Health (CCPH) COVID-19 Updates
These situational awareness reports are released on Mondays and Thursdays. Additional updates are available 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.

Guidance for Universities and College Students
• If a university/college has an option for self-isolation quarters, students who have contracted COVID-19 will need to remain in town and move temporarily to the designated housing. These individuals will need to self-isolate and monitor for worsening symptoms, as per the guidance of local health officials.
  ○ Consult with local health officials to determine when and how to move ill residents.
  ○ Information on providing home care to individuals with COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization is available on CDC’s website.
• Close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may also need temporary housing, so that they can self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms.
• Universities/colleges that do not have self-isolation options and have students identified with COVID-19, or close contacts with individuals who have COVID-19, should consult with their local public health department about next steps.

Community Testing Clinics in Salida and Buena Vista
Chaffee County Public Health 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 Updates
HRRMC updates can be found on the Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Updates on the state’s dashboard
Outbreaks are reportable to the state and will be listed on the state dashboard.
The state will launch a color-coded dial, which will help guide communities with reopening schools, bars, etc. The dial will be available on the state’s dashboard starting tomorrow, Sept. 15.

For information related to the Buena Vista Correctional Complex (BVCC), please refer to their outbreak website. The recent report from BVCC indicates no new cases!

**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.

Our county’s current positivity rate is 1.53%.
Updated Graphs of Reported Cases

COVID-19 Cases Reported
In Chaffee County

BV DOC
Reported Cases

All Inmates and Staff at BV-DOC being tested,
Update from Governor Jared Polis

Free COVID-19 tracking app to supplement contact tracing.

Colorado, via CDPHE, is joining with Google and Apple to ensure Colorado residents and visitors who opt-in get local specific information and instructions.

Exposure Notifications is new technology available on both iPhone and Android phones that helps with contact tracing. If you have enabled Exposure Notifications on your phone, whenever you are within 6 feet of someone for at least 10 minutes, your phones will exchange secure, anonymous tokens. If you test positive for COVID-19, you have the ability to share these tokens which will send a push notification to anyone that you have exchanged tokens with notifying them of possible exposure.

Tokens contain no personal information and everything is completely anonymous.

Current Public Health Orders

Executive Order on Masks.9.12.20 --- will expire thirty (30) days from Sept. 12

Executive Order on Masks FAQ

Chaffee County Amended Public Health Order 9.1.20

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 COVID-19 Community Outreach Coordinator. Under general supervision, the outreach coordinator is responsible for providing support and resources to the Chaffee County business community and employers to maintain safe operations during the pandemic. This is a full-time, grant-funded, temporary position through the end of 2020 with no current funding past Dec. 30, 2020.

Click here for further details.

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