Thursday, September 3, 2020
Chaffee County Public Health (CCPH) COVID-19 Update

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.

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Reminders for Labor Day weekend

Typically, we all look forward to getting a day off on Labor Day. But this year, many Coloradoans would love nothing more than to get back to work. Please pledge to do all you can to slow the spread of COVID-19, so more Coloradoans can get back to work.

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 CHAFFEE COUNTY For your hard work and sacrifices to help curb the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.
Happy Labor Day!

Keep our workers safe!

Questions?
Call 719-539-4510.
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.

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

HRRMC updates can be found on the [Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](https://www.chaffeecounty.org/covid-19).

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**Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Updates**

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

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

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**Chaffee County by the Numbers**

Our [Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](https://www.chaffeecounty.org/covid-19) 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.chaffeecounty.org/covid-19).

The county’s current positivity rate is **1.34%**.
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
All of Columbine Manor Residents Tested
In County Not Columbine or BV-DOC
Deaths
Trend Columbine
BV-DOC Trend
Trend County
Updates from Governor Jared Polis

On Sept. 2, Governor Polis took action to address the COVID-19 pandemic and extended the state of disaster emergency declaration.

This Executive Order extends the disaster declaration and employment of the Colorado National Guard to support and provide planning resources to state and local authorities responding to the presence of COVID-19.

Current Public Health Orders

[Links to Executive Orders and Public Health Orders]

Executive Order on Masks FAQ
Chaffee County Amended Public Health Order 8.4.20 - this has been extended through October 6th.
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.