Chaffee County Public Health (CCPH)
COVID-19 Situational Awareness Report
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Chaffee County is currently in the **Orange** Level on the state's COVID-19 Dial Dashboard.

Go here to view our county and all counties in Colorado:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard

COVID-19 updates are also available through:

- Our local media.

- Our Facebook page, except for weekends. We are not available on weekends to respond to inquiries.

- Chaffee County COVID-19 web page

- Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard
  Our local dashboard provides real-time updates and the most current information available regarding COVID-19 in our county.

- Colorado's Dial Dashboard
  The State of Colorado's dashboard displays the level of disease spread in Chaffee County and all other counties in the state.

COVID-19 Variants—Frequently Asked Questions

Please be assured that public health officials are studying the new COVID-19 variants to help control their spread.

Also, viruses constantly change through mutation, and new variants of any virus typically appear over time. Sometimes new variants emerge and disappear. Other times, new variants emerge and continue to spread.

To learn more, click here.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Clinics

New Development Regarding Distribution and Priority Groups

For about a month now, CCPH has administered COVID-19 vaccines to healthcare workers, first responders and 70+. Moving forward, we will be streamlining our vaccine distribution processes to accommodate *only* the current authorized groups. There have been instances when people outside of these groups have received the vaccine due to necessity for using time-sensitive doses. Unfortunately, the honor system has been abused over the past week and has caused excessive traffic, as well as ethical and logistical concerns.

With that said, we will be releasing additional slots only for the authorized groups named above. Please be thoughtful of others and do not show up to a clinic at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds unless you have an appointment for a vaccine.

Moving forward for extra doses that need to be used immediately, we will only be lining up 10 people max, in vehicles, who fall within the authorized groups.

It's important to know that we rely on personal accountability and responsibility in order to fulfill the state's mandate and milestone of 70% of 70 and older by Sunday, Feb 28. However, due to limited inventory and disparities across the state, it is possible that when Chaffee County reaches this mark, the vaccine program may be required to pause while the rest of the state catches up.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to follow the governor's direction on vaccine distribution across the state. As soon as we are given the green light to transition to other groups, we will schedule more clinics for first doses.

Please know that we care about you and are continuously striving toward the end goal of ending this pandemic.

Other Key Items to Note in Regard to COVID-19 Vaccines through CCPH:

- CCPH COVID-19 Vaccine Online Scheduler: https://chaffeecounty.rsvpify.com/

- The scheduler for your second dose will be open the day after you receive your first dose. Please schedule your second dose using the electronic scheduler.

- Our clinics are for Chaffee County residents only.

- In order to receive a vaccine through CCPH, you must have an appointment.

- Currently, CCPH's vaccination events are drive-through clinics held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m.

- It is important to schedule a second dose through the scheduler using the date on the white CDC card received at the first appointment. The appointment does not replace the online scheduler. There are specific dates and slots available for second doses.

COVID-19 Vaccine Info from the State of Colorado

- COVID-19 Vaccine info from the State of Colorado
- COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ
- COVID-19 Vaccine Providers in Colorado
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ with ingredient list
- Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ with ingredient list

Visit CDPHE's COVID-19 vaccination data dashboard. Data visualization is available at covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-data.

 CDPHE recently announced that the [vaccine data dashboard](#) will now include additional metrics by race/ethnicity, age group and sex. As a result, CCPH will, in the near future, also collect race/ethnicity, age group and sex.

Colorado Launched a New COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline

On Monday, Jan. 25, CDPHE launched a new call center for the public to ask questions specifically about the COVID-19 vaccine.

The new toll-free number is 1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926).

Now through the end of January, the vaccine call center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., as well as from 9 a.m -5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Beginning Feb. 1, hours will extend to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Vaccine call center staff are available to answer COVID-19 vaccine-related questions, provide info about vaccine providers across the state, and give general information about COVID-19.

COVID-19 Community Testing Clinics

Chaffee County Fairgrounds
10165 CR 120
Salida

Mondays-Thursdays*
10:30 a.m.-noon
Appointment Required

*We are no longer testing on Fridays.

We were recently informed by CDPHE that we will need to change our testing criteria for the short-term future and our laboratory services for the long-term future. We appreciate your patience as we transition to a new testing option.

When to test?
- If you have symptoms, we recommend you get tested at the first available opportunity. Please remain isolated until you receive your test result.
- If you were a close contact, but have no symptoms, we recommend testing 6-7 days after exposure. If you have remained without symptoms the entire time since exposure and test on day 6 or later, your quarantine is considered complete after day 7, as long as your test result is negative. Test results take up to 4 days.
- Quarantine NEVER ends before day 7. Quarantine can end on day 8, 9 or 10, if you have a negative test from day 6 or thereafter.

To schedule a COVID-19 test with CCPH, click here.
When scheduling, YOU MUST ENTER your email address. If you don't have an email, a phone number is sufficient.

COVID-19 Testing Sites throughout Chaffee County
Go here for a complete list of all COVID-19 Testing Options available in Chaffee County.

What to Do if You Test Positive
Positive cases are in isolation until they meet the criteria to be released. Please read this ISOLATION LETTER and follow the instructions.
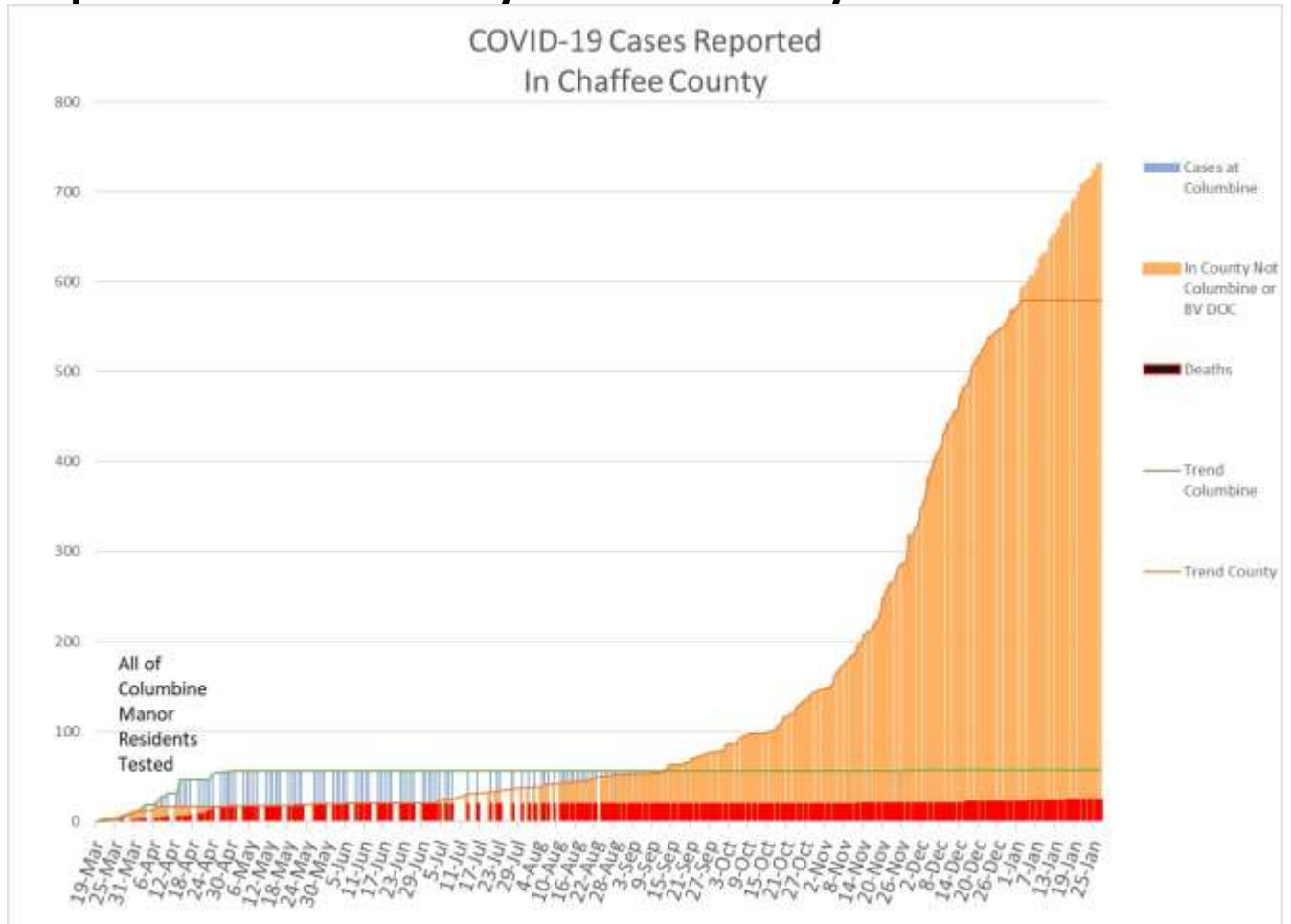
- Individuals with a positive case need to begin contacting their close contacts and employer. A close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of the positive case for 15 minutes or more in total over 24 hours, beginning 48 hours before symptoms (or a positive test if without symptoms).

  - Please send your close contacts this QUARANTINE LETTER.

- You will be contacted by a contact tracer within a few days.

Quarantine Guidelines

Quarantine guidelines are available on the state's COVID-19 website:
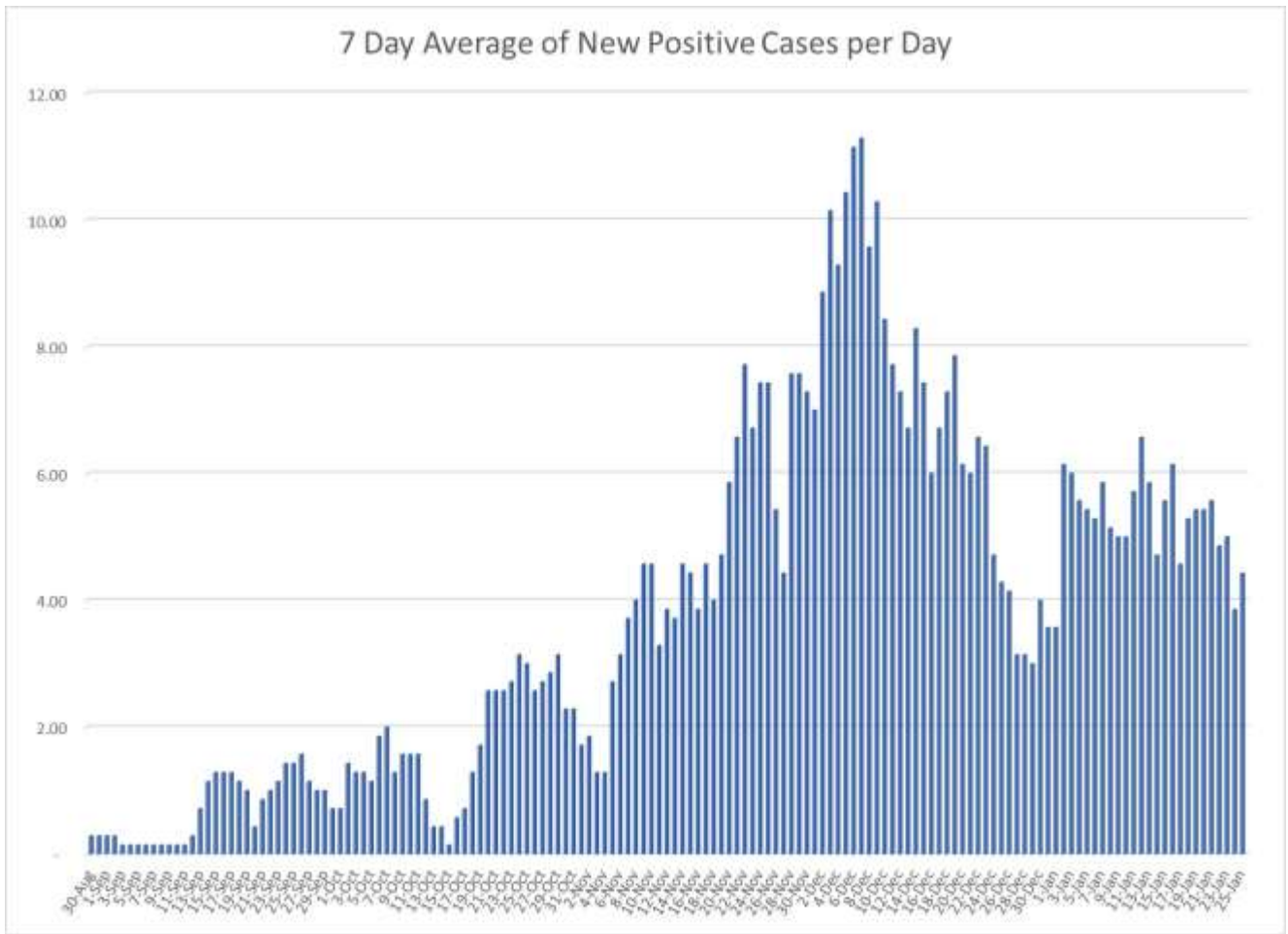https://covid19.colorado.gov/how-to-quarantine
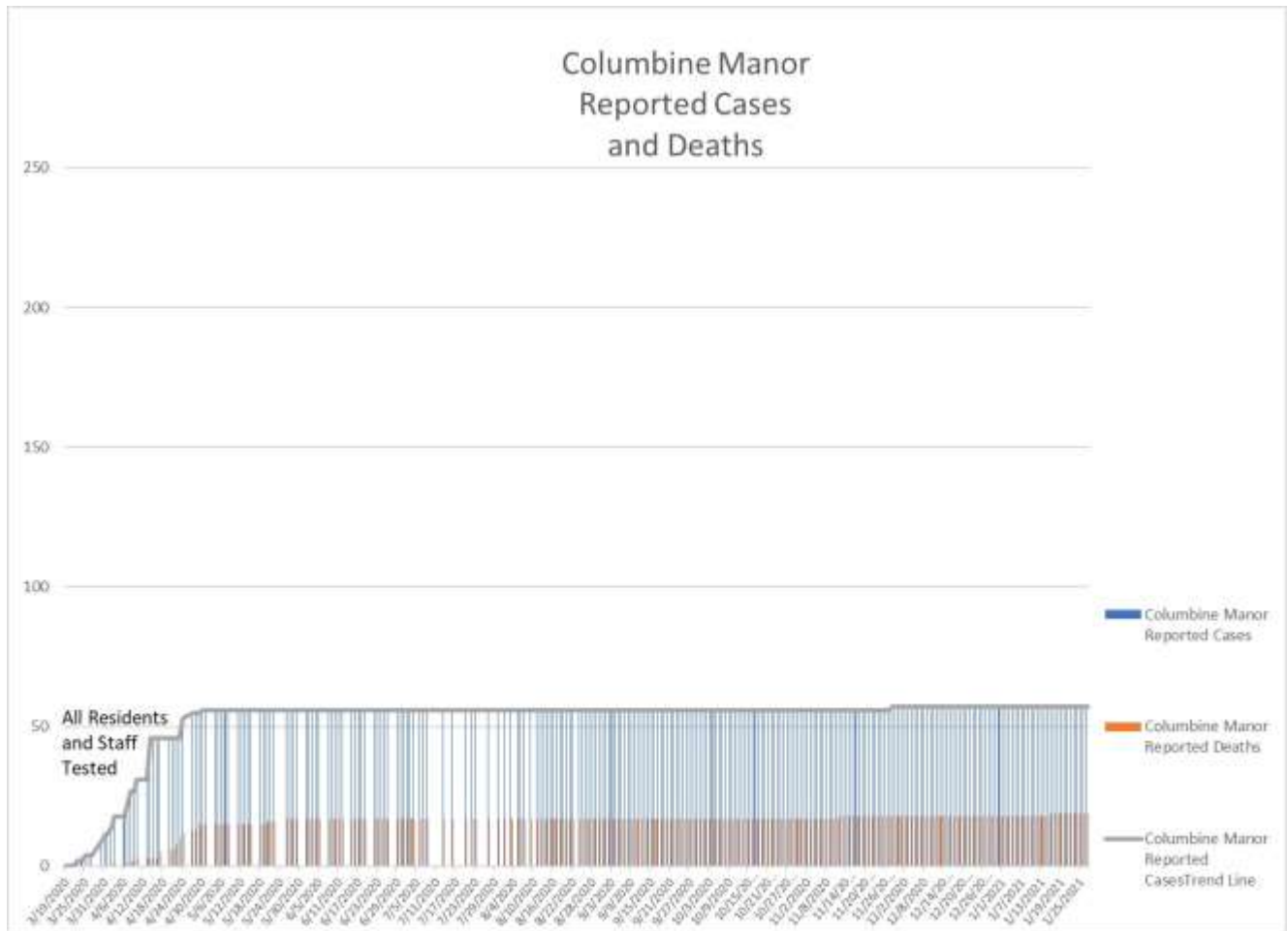
Graphs of COVID-19 Activity in Chaffee County

This graph shows all of the reported positive COVID-19 cases in Chaffee County.

The orange bars and lines show the total cumulative community cases. The blue bars show the number of cases of staff and residents of Columbine Manor, with the red bars indicating the number of deaths.

To view the graph in greater detail, zoom in on this document.

This graph shows the average number of new cases per day on a 7-day moving average. To view the graph in greater detail, zoom in on this document.

Columbine Manor
Reported Cases
and Deaths

This graph represents the positive COVID-19 cases associated with Columbine Manor. It includes residents and staff who live in Chaffee County. To view the graph in greater detail, zoom in on this document.

Buena Vista Correctional Complex (BVCC)
BVCC updates can be found at https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdoc/covid-19-faq-and-updates.

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

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

[Colorado's Dial Dashboard](#) helps local public health agencies and governments, as well as Coloradans, learn about the level of disease spread in specific counties and associated public health guidance. Users can examine charts, as well as sort and filter the data.

Colorado's Dial Dashboard is also available in [Spanish](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The data on the state dashboard may vary from our local dashboard.

COVID-19 Case/Vaccine Summary for Colorado:

- 727 cases reported Jan. 25.
- 5 new deaths among cases reported since Jan. 25.
- 674 people currently hospitalized for confirmed COVID-19 as of Jan. 26.
- 5.10% is the 7-day moving average positivity.
- 381,402 people immunized with one dose as of Jan. 25.
- 89,881 people immunized with two doses as of Jan. 25.

Other Colorado COVID-19 statistics: https://covid19.colorado.gov/data

COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard for Colorado: https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine

Chaffee County Public Health Public Health Order

CCPH's public health order was [revised Jan. 8, 2021](#) (and finalized Jan. 11, 2021).

Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

The BOCC [Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency](#) has been extended through March 2, 2021.

If you have questions about the information provided in this report, please send an email to acarlstrom@chaffeecounty.org.