



Work Session Rangely Event approval 6pm Conference Room

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*Town Council Packet*

*May 26, 2020 @ 7:00pm*



# 1 – Agenda



## GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

***Public Input is a vital and important portion of every meeting and will be permitted throughout the meeting, but according to the following guidelines:***

- a. Public input is allowed during the Agenda identified **Public Input** and **Public Hearing** portion of the meeting.
  - i. If you would like to address the meeting during the appropriate times, please raise your hand and when called upon you will be asked to come to the podium. ***Announce your name*** so that your statements can be adequately captured in the meeting minutes.
  - ii. ***Please keep your comments to 3-5 minutes*** as others may want to participate throughout the meeting and to insure that the subject does not drift.
- b. Throughout the meeting agenda calls for public input will be made, generally pertaining to specific action items. Please follow the same format as above.
- c. At the conclusion of the meeting, if the meeting chair believes additional public comment is necessary, the floor will be open.

We hope that this guideline will improve the effectiveness and order of the Town's Public Meetings. It is the intent of your publicly elected officials to stay open to your feelings on a variety of issues.

Thank you, Rangely Mayor



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# Town of Rangely

May 26, 2020 - 7:00pm

## Agenda

### Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

ANDY SHAFFER, MAYOR

TREY ROBIE, MAYOR PROTEM

RICH GARNER, TRUSTEE

LUKE GEER, TRUSTEE

TYSON HACKING, TRUSTEE

ALISA GRANGER, TRUSTEE

KEELY ELLIS, TRUSTEE

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
  - a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020
6. Petitions and Public Input
7. Changes to the Agenda
8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm
9. Committee/Board Meetings
10. Reports From Council
11. Supervisor Reports – See Attached
  - a. Jeannie Caldwell
12. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
13. Old Business
14. New Business
  - a. Discussion and action to approve the April 2020 Financial Summary
  - b. Discussion and action to approve appointment to Rangely Trustee Committee's
    - Utilities Committee
    - Finance/Human Resource
    - Public Safety
    - Rangely School Foundation Board

## **15. Informational Items**

- a. Jordan Hughes Candidate Graduation, Post Certification, Rangely PD 06-02-20*
- b. Chevron Contributions Rangely COVID relief*
- c. RBC Safer at Home Variance Application 05 21 20*
- d. State of Colo Covid19 Information*

## **16. Board Vacancies**

- a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy*

## **17. Scheduled Announcements**

- a. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 7:00pm*
- b. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 5:00pm*
- c. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020 at 7:00pm*
- d. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020 at 11:00am*
- e. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 12:00noon*
- f. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 6:15pm*
- g. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for May 21, 2020 at 7:00am*
- h. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2020 at 12:00noon*
- i. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2020 at 6:00pm*
- j. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2020 at 6:00pm*

## **18. Adjournment**

## 5 – Minutes



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# Town of Rangely

May 12, 2020 - 7:00pm

## *Minutes*

### *Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)*

**ANDY SHAFFER, MAYOR**

**TREY ROBIE, MAYOR PROTEM**

**RICH GARNER, TRUSTEE**

**LUKE GEER, TRUSTEE**

**TYSON HACKING, TRUSTEE**

**ALISA GRANGER, TRUSTEE**

**KEELY ELLIS, TRUSTEE**

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1. **Call to Order** – 7:02pm
2. **Roll Call** – Andy Shaffer, Trey Robie, Rich Garner, Luke Geer, Alisa Granger, and Keely Ellis present. Tyson Hacking absent.
3. **Invocation** - Led by Andy Shaffer
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Lisa Piering
5. **Minutes of Meeting**
  - a. *Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020* – **Motion made by Trey Robie to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020, second by Alisa Granger. Motion passed**
6. **Petitions and Public Input** – Richard Smith introduced himself to the council. Richard is the new director for the Chamber. Richard is originally from Colorado but moved to Rangely from Mesquite. Richard stated that he is looking forward to working in Rangely. Excited to be an advocate for the businesses. He stated he is happy to be in a small community.
7. **Changes to the Agenda** - None
8. **Public Hearings** - 7:10pm
9. **Committee/Board Meetings** – RDA/RDC may meet for their May meeting.
10. **Reports From Council**
11. **Supervisor Reports – See Attached** – Water line break on Kennedy last week. Parts were brought in from the front range. It is the water line that we are replacing. The contract was awarded this week for that project and will start receiving bids. We also received a small grant for the Bike path on Kennedy.
12. **Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update** - Lisa updated the council on Marketing. Jeannie has been contacting people who were interested in coming to Rangely and keep in touch with them. Lisa & Jeannie had a meeting with Makala to discuss shooting some videos to use. New website is up & going. Website has been nominated as one of the best sites. Attended a few Main Street Program meeting. Working towards grants. Would like to use those funds to beautify the east end and get

some signage also. The Rec. Center will be opening next Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with restrictions. The county is discouraging events that bring people in from other places. There will be a High School Senior parade this Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and a graduation parade on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dinosaur National Monument is opening trails, but other things will remain closed. Senator Bennett has introduced a bill to help small communities in Colorado. Ti applied and received 100 doses of Narcan for our community from the CDPHE and POST. Mosquito spraying/fogging will be starting soon and we going to try to do fogging more often and continue to do aerial as well. Charter and CenturyLink are in town upgrading their lines.

### **13. Old Business**

### **14. New Business**

- a. *Discussion and action to approve the April 2020 Check Register – Motion made by Trey Robie to approve the April 2020 Check Register, second by Rich Garner. Motion passed*
- b. *Discussion and action to approve liquor license renewal for Main Street Pub – Motion made by Luke Geer to approve liquor license renewal for Main Street Pub, second by Alisa Granger. Motion passed*

### **15. Informational Items**

- a. *Senator Bennet Letter Congressional Priorities COVID fourth bill*
- b. *RBC Letter COVID reopening Plan*
- c. *Mesa County Variance approval*
- d. *Governor's Advisory Committee for Coop & Implementation*

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### **18. Adjournment – 7:32pm**

ATTEST:

RANGELY TOWN COUNCIL

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Marybel Cox, Clerk

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Andrew Shaffer, Mayor

- 8 – Public Hearings
- 9 - Comittee Meeting
- 10 - Report from Council
- 11 - Reports from Supervisors



12 – Reports from Officers

13 – Old Business

14 – New Business

# Income Statement

Town of Rangely

Month Ending April 2020

GENERAL FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Taxes	\$412,539	67%	\$1,661,800	24.82%
Licenses and Permits	\$13,410	2%	\$13,700	97.88%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$44,906	7%	\$1,297,000	3.46%
Charges for Services	\$103,336	17%	\$310,000	33.33%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$45,719	7%	\$153,600	29.77%
Total General Revenue	\$619,910	100%	\$3,436,100	18.04%
GENERAL FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expenses	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Town Council	\$16,931	2%	\$48,863	34.65%
Court	\$9,299	1%	\$24,479	37.99%
Administration	\$72,011	8%	\$236,193	30.49%
Finance	\$67,816	7%	\$217,487	31.18%
Building & Grounds	\$88,941	10%	\$313,092	28.41%
Economic Development	\$82,909	9%	\$329,540	25.16%
Police Department	\$339,967	37%	\$994,632	34.18%
Animal Shelter	\$13,792	2%	\$50,757	27.17%
Public Works	\$118,892	13%	\$438,547	27.11%
Foundation Trans. & Non Depart. Transfer	\$45,757	5%	\$260,000	17.60%
Total Capital Improvements	\$60,148	7%	\$521,200	11.54%
Total General expenses	\$916,462	100%	\$3,434,790	26.68%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$296,552)	100%	\$1,310	-22637.57%
WATER FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Water Revenue	\$162,071	100%	\$1,238,750	13.08%
WATER FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Water Supply	\$137,925	48%	\$417,271	33.05%
Water Supply Capital Expense	\$0	0%	\$0	#DIV/0!
Water Fund Dept. Transfers and Conting.	\$73,059	26%	\$192,956	37.86%
PW - Transportation & Distribution	\$30,838	11%	\$98,871	31.19%
PW - Transportation & Distrib. Capital Exp	\$30,150	11%	\$730,000	0.00%
Raw Water	\$12,515	4%	\$47,575	26.31%
Raw Water Capital Expense	\$772	0%	\$7,000	11.02%
Total Water expenses	\$285,259	100%	\$1,493,673	19.10%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$123,188)	100%	(\$254,923)	48.32%
GAS FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Gas Revenue	\$493,158	100%	\$1,039,133	47.46%
GAS FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Gas Expenses	\$304,976	84%	\$840,180	36.30%
Gas Capital Expense	\$0	0%	\$0	#DIV/0!
Total Transfers	\$60,000	16%	\$180,000	33.33%
Total Selling Expenses	\$364,976	100%	\$1,020,180	35.78%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$128,182	100%	\$18,953	676.32%
Wastewater FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Wastewater Revenue	\$111,314	100%	\$665,150	16.74%
Wastewater FUND Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Wastewater Expenses	\$67,580	77%	\$232,880	29.02%
Wastewater Capital Expense	\$478	1%	\$587,300	0.08%
Total Transfers	\$20,000	23%	\$60,000	33.33%
General Fund Loan	\$0	0%	\$0	#DIV/0!
Total Selling Expenses	\$88,057	100%	\$880,180	10.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$23,257	100%	(\$215,030)	-10.82%

**Town of Rangely**

**Month Ending April 2020**

Rangely Housing Auth Revenue			2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Housing Auth Revenue	\$64,887	100%	\$260,000	24.96%
Rangely Housing Auth Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Housing Auth Expenses	\$63,565	94%	\$177,399	35.83%
Housing Authority Capital Expense	\$378	1%	\$10,700	3.53%
Debt Service and Transfers	\$3,336	5%	\$66,000	5.05%
Total Expense	\$67,278	100%	\$254,099	26.48%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$2,392)	100%	\$5,901	-40.53%
Fund for Public Giving Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Fund for Public Giving Revenue	\$1,389	100%	\$2,000	69.43%
Fund for Public Giving Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Fund for Public Giving Expenses	\$0	100%	\$2,000	0.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$1,389	100%	\$0	0.00%
Economic Development Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
RDA Revenues	\$30,375	100%	\$87,700	34.64%
Economic Development Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
RDA Expenses	\$16,446	100%	\$77,600	21.19%
RDA Capitol Expense	\$0	100%	\$0	0.00%
Total Expense	\$16,446	100%	\$77,600	21.19%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$13,930	100%	\$10,100	137.92%
Conservation Trust Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Conservation Trust Revenue (Grant \$136K)	\$2,970	100%	\$952,225	0.31%
Conservation Trust Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Conservation Trust Expenses	\$0	100%	\$1,100,000	0.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$2,970	100%	(\$147,775)	-2.01%
Housing Assistance Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Housing Assistance Revenue	\$836	100%	\$21,000	3.98%
Housing Assistance Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Housing Assistance Expenses	\$0	100%	\$2,000	0.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$836	100%	\$19,000	4.40%
Rangely Develop Corp Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Develop Corp Revenue	\$117	100%	\$20,500	0.57%
Rangely Develop Corp Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Develop Corp Expenses	\$53	100%	\$18,500	0.29%
RDC Capitol Expense	\$0	100%	\$0	0.00%
Total Expense	\$53	100%	\$18,500	0.29%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$63	100%	\$2,000	0.00%

INCOME STATEMENT ROLL-UP		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	
Total Revenues		\$1,487,027	\$7,722,558	19.26%
Total Expenses		\$1,738,532	\$8,283,022	20.99%
Net Revenue over Expense		-\$251,505	-\$560,464	44.87%

2022	MAYOR, Andrew Shaffer
2024	Mayor ProTem, Trey Robie
2024	Richard Garner
2024	Tyson Hacking
2022	Alisa Granger
2022	Luke Geer
2022	Keely Ellis

### **Council Committees:**

Mayor & (2) Trustee's Serve on Committee's, (2) Trustee's Rangely School Foundation

Current Assignments

**Utilities:** Robie & Hacking

**Finance/HR:** Ellis

**Public Safety:** Geer & Granger

**Rangely School Found** Robie & Shaffer

## 15 – Informational Items



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
FOR A GRADUATION, POST CERTIFICATION  
CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF

**OFFICER JORDAN HUGHES**

AS WE CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF HIS JOURNEY IN THE POLICE FORCE

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am**

Municipal Courtyard; Breakfast Served





# Thank you

## Chevron



A sincere thank you from the Town of Rangely and our residents. For many years Chevron has been a huge resource for the Town of Rangely's economy. They employ our residents and support our town in many ways. They truly care about the communities where they do business.

Recently, Chevron made very generous monetary contributions to the Rangely Community in response to COVID-19 and related economic issues. Monetary contributions were made to: Meals on Wheels, the Rangely Resource Pantry, the Human Resource Council and The Tank.

Chevron employees who process donation requests and cut the checks were not open for regular business due to the pandemic; however, they did open for urgent community needs such as these donations. Chevron is always ready to assist in a time of need.

Early gifts made by Chevron were intended to help human service organizations and non-profits respond quickly to community needs. While The Tank is not a human service organization, it is a non-profit that relies heavily on donations to keep it going, providing unique musical experiences and giving Rangely a one-of-a kind tourist attraction. Chevron's donation will help them in the coming months.

On behalf of the Town of Rangely and our residents we would like to thank Chevron for being in our community, for caring and for making a difference.



## Lisa Piering

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**Subject:** Summer events

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**From:** Alice Harvey <alice.harvey@rbc.us>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:06 PM

**To:** Lisa Piering <lpiering@rangelyco.gov>; Lisa Cook <Lisa@town.meeker.co.us>

**Cc:** Holly Knowles <holly.knowles@rbc.us>; Kelly Christian <kelly.christian@rbc.us>

**Subject:** Summer events

Good afternoon! After much ado, we have come up with a process that we think will keep everyone in the loop about summer events. If someone has an event that involves town resources, we'll forward that along to you with our public health recommendations and you can proceed however you see fit. I'll also be creating some general guidelines and will send those out once complete, for anyone planning anything. As always, folks can still call Kelly, Holly or I and get feedback one on one if needed. I hope this helps! This will be tricky navigating state orders vs county level recommendations, liability, and out of county travelers; but at least this gives us a starting place. Please feel free to call me with any additional questions at 878-9528- I'll be back in office tomorrow.

During a work session on Tuesday, the commissioners, county attorney and Public Health Director Alice Harvey clarified the process that will be requested from event coordinators for summer events within Rio Blanco County. The commissioners maintain the message that they have no control or authority over county events other than in the use of county-owned facilities or resources. If an event utilizes *county resources* (including facilities, funding, staff assistance, etc.) the commissioners are requesting that the event coordinator submit an event plan to the county. The form is available below. Public Health and the BoCC will be reviewing plans and making decisions weekly during BoCC meetings as to whether or not that county resource can be used during the event.

If an event utilizes *town resources*, please fill out the form below and it will be reviewed by Public Health if requested and forwarded to the town. Each town will have their own protocol that the county/BoCC has no control over.

For *private and other events* that do not use county or town facilities or resources, the county website ([www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us)) will have up-to-date recommendations and as always, Public Health is available for individual consultations/recommendations if requested by the event coordinator(s). Events that fall under town jurisdiction will need to contact the individual towns, as they may have a different protocol.

The BoCC and The Department of Public Health appreciate your social and personal responsibility and will continue to support all businesses and events in any way possible.

Link to the Google Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNi4IU2o3oEra-5DXqZNbS6zS11UsQQrV4tCcGFkh9wURw2g/viewform>

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Alice C. Harvey, MSN BSN RN  
Rio Blanco County Director of Public Health and Environment

**COLORADO**Department of Public  
Health & Environment

# Application for Variance

Name of County: Rio Blanco

Name of Submitter: Alice Harvey

Phone Number of Submitter: 970-878-9520

Email of Submitter: alice.harvey@rbc.us

Rio Blanco County County requests a variance from the following restrictions in Executive Order D 2020 044 and/or Public Health Order 20-28.

List the sections of Executive Order D 2020 044 and/or Public Health Order 20-28 that a variance is being sought for:

Ic, Ih, IIa, IIc, IId, IIe, IIg, IIh, II.i.1, IIIa.3, Appendix A: I, II, Appendix C: I, Appendix D: b.2, c.2, F.5.

Summarize alternate restrictions being proposed to replace the above-referenced restrictions and indicate where in the Plan these alternate restrictions are addressed:

Large public gatherings with precautionary measures if physical distancing feasible (including graduation ceremonies). Due to small business sizes, remove 50% capacity with proposed guidelines (see attached); all businesses including restaurants, places of worship, rec centers, real estate, meetings limit building capacity to ensure 6 ft distance between parties is feasible vs a percent capacity. Summer sports, camps and activities with precautions in small groups, outdoor and indoor recreation with precautions. Bars with limited capacity

Upload your county COVID-19 Suppression Plan and documentation demonstrating approval by the county commissioners, and confirmation from all impacted local hospitals that they can serve all individuals needing their care. Provide a brief summary of each of the following elements contained in the county COVID-19 Suppression Plan and indicate where in the Plan more information can be found for each element.

## 1. Prevalence of COVID -19 within the county

No cases since April 2nd, 2020. 1 total case in county since beginning of pandemic.

## 2. Hospital Capacity

2 critical access hospitals with capacity to care for COVID 19 patients and transfer critical patients to regional partners; with an increase of 4 or more cases in one week requiring hospitalization, board of health to convene and re-evaluate recommendations to ensure adequate hospital capacity.





3. Local containment measures

Comprehensive testing available. Trained public health staff with additional county staff on standby to perform case investigation and contact tracing.

4. Conditions to determine the variance is not providing adequate COVID-19 protection and the triggers for tightening restrictions.

Increase in 4 or more hospitalized cases in one week.

 Confirm that the variance requested does not lessen or eliminate the protections for Vulnerable Individuals in the Safer at Home Order and PHO 20-28.

 Confirm that the county will collect and monitor data to evaluate the impacts of the variance. and make such data available upon request by CDPHE.

Additional information relevant to the requested variance

These recommendations will serve through June 30th, at which time additional recommendations will be made.

By signing below, I attest that I am authorized pursuant to the adoption of the COVID-19 Suppression Plan by the Board of County Commissioners to submit this variance request to CDPHE for consideration.

DocuSigned by:



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2020-05-21

Signature

Date



Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health  
COVID-19 Suppression Plan  
Version 2 (prepared 5.14.20)

PHASE II RECOMMENDATIONS

Disease transmission is currently under control in Rio Blanco County. Rio Blanco County Public Health can attest to the following:

Situational Awareness

- Rio Blanco County (RBC) has experienced only one case which was reported on April 2, 2020.
- Local health surveillance data is collected and updated weekly, including the number of individuals tested, patients seen at either hospital or clinic for COVID-19 like symptoms, and self-reported via our online symptom tracker form.
- Please see our website for additional data, [www.rbc.us](http://www.rbc.us)
- The population of our county is 6,331. There are two towns in our county, Meeker and Rangely. Our county is mostly rural with oil, gas and agricultural industries present. We are not a tourism driven economy.
- Our disease threshold for determining when to tighten back restrictions in various businesses or sectors will be calculated based on our hospital capacity: if within a one week period we experience an increase in 4 or more hospitalized positive cases, a special board of health meeting will be called to determine closure recommendations/restriction needs.

Testing

- PCR testing is currently available to all symptomatic individuals in the county.
- Testing has been available to symptomatic individuals since early March through a collaboration between both critical access hospitals and public health via drive through testing on either end of our county.
- Private testing is now available at each hospital, an Abbott testing machine has been received by at least one hospital for point of care PCR testing, and serology testing options are available in the county also.

- Community testing is available through public health on an as needed basis (as frequently as daily if needed), and we will be prepared to test individuals during an outbreak should one occur via a drive through testing clinic or in the community if necessary.
- Public Health would be able to assist in providing testing to our LTC facilities in collaboration with our local hospitals should an outbreak occur in one of those two facilities.

#### Incident Management Systems/Healthcare

- Rio Blanco County has two critical access hospitals, Pioneers Medical Center and Rangely District Hospital, both which are prepared to care for COVID-19 patients and accommodate all necessary transfer arrangements to higher levels of care as indicated.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health has participated in the development of community specific outbreak plans, regional medical surge plans, and hospital incident command system teams with local hospitals to ensure community readiness for an outbreak. We have been working with our hospitals to ensure an appropriate amount of PPE is available should normal capacity be exceeded, and we will continue to do so.

#### Public Health Response Capabilities

- The Rio Blanco County Public Health Department team consists of two public health nurses who will conduct contact investigations on positive cases should they arise.
- Case investigations will be completed within 24 hours. Contact tracing will also be performed with people who were in direct contact with identified positive cases.
- Additional funding could be used to hire additional temporary nursing staff if needed.
- County personnel could also be cross-trained and utilized to perform contract tracing and other epi response activities should an outbreak occur in any setting in Rio Blanco County.
- The positive case in Rio Blanco County was traced to a known source, has recovered fully, and no close contact of this case developed symptoms. The quarantine and isolation period has been completed successfully for all of these individuals.

#### High Vulnerability Populations

- We have identified our highest risk populations to be the following:
  - Those living in RBC who are over the age of 65
  - Those living in one of our two long term care facilities
  - Those living in senior housing (White River Village, The Pines, The Fairfield Apartments)
  - Those living with chronic medical conditions
  - Those who are immunocompromised
  - Inmates residing in the Rio Blanco County jail
- Outbreak Risks in High-Vulnerability Settings have been minimized by adhering to all local, state and federal recommendations for infection control; this includes our two long term care facilities and one detention center. This has been done in conjunction with our two hospitals



who house the long-term care facilities in the county and our sheriff's office detention center staff.

- Special targeted communication to these high-risk groups has been generated from the beginning of the pandemic, and will continue in the form of mailers, call campaigns, our reverse 911 alert system, signs and posters, newspaper ads, social media, bi-lingual notices, hospital message boards, our website and hospital websites, and community group notices (including flyers that are put in food bank boxes).
- Testing is available for all of these high-risk individuals and may be expanded to include asymptomatic individuals living within congregate care settings in collaboration with CDPHE and/or local hospitals.
- Community support resources targeted to this population continues to be spread through the above referenced communication methods, including special hours for grocery shopping, delivery services, mental health services, healthcare services, and targeted education.

### Community and Industry Mitigation

- Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health has been working closely with the private sector to ensure that all prevention recommendations are available, attainable, and sustainable for the future to both industry and business offices in Rio Blanco County. We have, for example, acquired over 300 gallons of hand sanitizer sourced from a local industry partner to distribute to all businesses in the county for no cost.
- An alliance and communication strategy has been established between industry partners, including local mines, oil, gas and electric plants, the natural soda plant, and agricultural organizations to ensure prevention guidelines are widely dispersed and understood. A close relationship and constant communication exists between public health and these industry partners, and outbreak plans/expectations have been discussed.
- Guidelines addressing prevention have been written and distributed to schools, workplaces, and other essential places as outlined in our sector-specific recommendation document.
- Industry partners, businesses and organizations have been encouraged to submit detailed business plans outlining their specific COVID-19 safety plans. We have collaborated with many of these partners in writing their plans.
- A form has been created for any organization who is planning a public event in 2020 to submit for review to the Board of County Commissioners. The determination of the possibility for these events to occur safely and within safety guidelines will be re-evaluated on a continuous basis throughout the remainder of the year by our Board of Health/Board of County Commissioners.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health will be working closely with the BoCC to determine safe guidelines for all summer activities occurring within the county, including summer camps, recreational activities including youth sports, and any fairs or outdoor events that may or may not occur depending upon situational awareness and will be making best practice recommendations in advance.
- Recommendations have been sent to appropriate individuals discouraging recreational travel to Rio Blanco County. Pending events should avoid marketing to out of county visitors and made local, if possible.

- Rio Blanco County Public Health is involved in a weekly meeting with members of our community representing our special districts (including schools, hospitals, and recreation), town officials, chamber of commerce members, law enforcement, and other community leaders. We have also been in close communication with the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Wildlife, and the National Forest Service to ensure all outdoor recreation recommendations are consistent across our county.
- Both airports in Rio Blanco County have protocols for handling an exposed or potentially infectious person at the airport.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health has been working closely with both healthcare facilities to implement physical distancing guidelines and best practice infection control guidelines.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health retail food inspector and the chambers of commerce for both towns have been working with local businesses to implement physical distancing guidelines and other infection control best practices.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health has a robust public information messaging system, including a reverse 911 alert system, social media campaigns, weekly video updates, weekly newspaper ads, online newspaper ads, monthly Q and A sessions with the local newspaper, an up to date website with surveillance data and recommendations, phone tree/call triage system for public inquiries, and has been attending staff and community meetings virtually to provide education in order to promote education and compliance related to physical distancing and other best practice guidelines as it relates to COVID-19.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health is working with outdoor recreation facilities to implement physical distancing guidelines.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health is working with faith groups and other social groups to implement physical distancing and best practice guidelines to any activities occurring within the community.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health is working closely with our two school districts to implement safety plans for school sport summer practices, along with our recreation centers.
- Rio Blanco County Public Health has created a comprehensive list of mental health care resources for our residents and will continue to make mental health a priority as outlined in our 2020 strategic goals during this pandemic.



**Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health**  
**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS BY SECTOR for PHASE II**  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**These recommendations may differ from state requirements  
To be re-evaluated prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**

**General Public:**

- Gatherings of 50 people or more should be avoided.
- Planned public gatherings should include precautionary measures and should only be considered if physical distancing is feasible.
- Individuals from different households should maintain at least six feet distance from each other and maximize distance when possible.
- Events should avoid marketing to out of county visitors and made local if possible.
- High risk/vulnerable Individuals are still encouraged to isolate.
- LARGE VENUES can operate under moderate physical distancing protocols.

**All Entities:**

**It is recommended that all employees be screened for symptoms daily and those who are symptomatic be excluded from the place of employment and self-isolate for no less than 10 days.**

**Business Offices:**

- Encourage telework, as feasible and when possible.
- Maintain at least six feet distance from customers and each other.
- Desks, work stations, and other work areas should be separated by at least six feet. If fixed stations exist, separate employees or clients by leaving one station in between. Workstations separated by walls that are six feet or higher are acceptable.
- Implement or maintain physical barriers for high-contact settings (e.g. reception areas).
- Implement physical distance protocols in common areas or anywhere employees are likely to gather (separate tables and chairs by at least six feet).
- Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance in customer lines; try to establish one-way passage as much as possible.

- Employers are encouraged to consider implementing and maintaining flexible sick leave policies and practices.
- Consider accommodations for high-risk individuals or populations.
- Employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public are encouraged to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth.
- All employees are encouraged to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while in spaces where social distancing is difficult (common areas, public areas, etc), except where doing so would inhibit the individual's health.
- All employees will self-screen prior to coming to work and will not come to work if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, or have been at high risk for exposure. In person screenings are still encouraged when feasible.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

#### Retail and Personal Services:

- Businesses that were open under the stay at home order should maintain the same precautions and physical distancing practices.
- As much as possible, continue curbside delivery while phasing into public opening.
- Personal services (salons, tattoo parlors, dog grooming, etc.) and non-critical businesses can open and are encouraged to operate under the following guidelines:
  - Spread people out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals throughout the facility.
  - Limit the number of clients to ensure that six feet distance between customers is feasible.
  - Separate workstations (tables, chairs, etc.) by six feet. If fixed stations exist, separate clients by leaving one station in between. Workstations separated by walls that are six feet or higher are acceptable.
  - Implement or continue early opening for high-risk individuals.
  - Employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public are encouraged to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth.
  - Implement or maintain curbside services in businesses as a preferred method.
  - Stagger shifts if feasible to decrease the number of employees at the business.
  - Maintain at least six feet physical distancing in waiting areas.
  - Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance in customer lines.
  - Implement touchless payment methods when possible.
  - Encourage the public to wear cloth face coverings to enter the businesses.
  - Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

#### Restaurants:

- Continuing takeout and delivery is highly encouraged.
- As much as possible, continue curbside delivery while phasing into public opening.
- Self-serving stations are discouraged (drinking stations, bulk dry, etc.).

- Spread people/tables out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals/parties throughout.
- Limit the number of customers to ensure that six feet distance between parties and tables is feasible.
- Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance in customer lines.
- Implement touchless payment methods when possible.
- People within a party should be family members or acquaintances who have previously been in contact with each other and there is limited risk of disease transmission.
- Discourage public sharing of utensils or condiments.
- Buffets shall have an employee serving the food, no self-serving allowed.
- Maintain physical distancing (six feet) in waiting areas.
- Employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public are encouraged to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth.
- Encourage the public to wear cloth face coverings to enter the businesses.
- Customers should be asked prior to entering a restaurant whether they have any symptoms of COVID-19, and any customers reporting symptoms must be excluded.
- Restaurants should encourage customers to wait outside and not in the lobby area for a table.
- Customers should be encouraged to make reservations online or by phone, and every effort should be made to notify customers via text or phone call when their table is ready so no waiting in a lobby is necessary.
- Bars may operate with diminished occupancy:
  - Limit the number of clients to ensure that six feet distance between customers is feasible
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices:

Elective, Medical and Health Services:

- Visitation to hospitals and senior living facilities is prohibited at this time.
  - Those who interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict hygiene protocols.
- Elective surgeries can resume under CMS guidelines.
- Elective health services can reopen with while adhering to current federal and state guidelines:  
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-resources-for-health-care-providers-and-local-public-health-agencies>
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

Recreation (subject to individual jurisdiction such as BLM, NFS, and Rec Districts):

- Playgrounds are encouraged to remain closed.
- Park facilities that enable social distancing such as trails, green space and golf will remain open.
- Maintain physical distancing in outdoor settings (six feet while hiking, fifteen feet while running or biking).
- Open outdoor recreation facilities where adequate controls can be implemented to ensure physical distancing (six feet).

\*Basketball courts, softball/baseball fields and tennis courts may remain open for use by individuals or members of the same household, with the exception of organized team sport practice (see requirements below)

- Camping should be limited to one family per campsite.
- Group camping, in individual campsites or group campsites are discouraged.
- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices

Education:

- Programs and courses at postsecondary institutions should comply with directives issued by the Colorado Department of Higher Education.
- Child care facilities can reopen with the following precautions:
  - Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection (concentrate on high touch surfaces like playgrounds, toys, tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.).
  - All employees should be encouraged to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while working with children.
  - Maintain at least six feet distance from coworkers.
  - Implement physical distance protocols in common areas (separate tables and chairs by at least six feet).
  - Symptomatic children should be excluded from care.
  - To the extent possible, limit the sharing of utensils, toys, and classroom materials.
  - To the extent possible, limit shared spaces to one classroom at the time (e.g. playgrounds).
  - Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.



### Real Estate:

- In-person home showings can continue.
- Maintain at least six feet distance between parties.
- Cloth face coverings are highly encouraged.
- Prior to a showing, ask participants to exclude themselves if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness, ensure clients are not experiencing COVID symptoms.
- Open houses may resume for scheduled showing times with no more than 10 people in the home at any given time.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

### Places of Worship:

- When offering on-site services:
  - Limit the number of participants to ensure that six feet distance between parties is feasible.
  - Operate following strict physical distancing recommendations.
  - Spread people out so there is at least six feet distance between families throughout.
  - Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance where lines form.
  - Implement or maintain one-way entry/exit and aisles.
  - Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces.
  - Outside services are recommended if possible while maintaining social distancing.
  - Ask participants to exclude themselves from attending services if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness.
  - Participants should be encouraged to wear a face covering both when entering and while present in the house of worship, except when specific participation in the service requires removal, such as to receive communion.
  - Shared communion chalices/cups are discouraged.
  - Limit handling of communion trays to servers only. Discourage handling of communion and offering trays by participants.
  - Children's gatherings, such as Vacation Bible School:
    - Students in groups of 10 or less with a set roster.
    - Maximize physical distancing with at least six feet distance between individuals.
    - Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.
    - Participants should be asked to exclude themselves if they have COVID-19 symptoms at the start of practice.
    - Instructors encouraged to wear cloth face coverings.

### Gyms:

- Can open with minimal operations if the following physical distancing and cleaning practices are possible:
  - Limit the number of clients to maintain a six feet distance between parties.
  - Ask customers to exclude themselves from using the facility if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness.
  - Customers should be encouraged to wear a face covering both when entering the facility and while in the facility, unless a face covering inhibits the participants ability to participate in the fitness activity.
  - Maximize physical distancing with at least six feet distance between individuals throughout.
  - Implement one-way entry/exit if feasible.
  - Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high- touch surfaces.
  - Request clients to disinfect equipment after every use.
  - Employees must clean and disinfect shared equipment between customer uses.
  - Given the many unknowns regarding how the SARS CoV-2 virus responsible for COVID-19 is spread, equipment in the gym should be no less than six feet apart from each other.
  - Smaller exercise rooms with poor ventilation should be discouraged from use.
  - Group classes such as water aerobics and outdoor fitness activities are allowed in groups of no more than 10 and with strict physical distancing recommended.
  - Shower rooms should remain closed, however locker facilities and bathrooms may remain open with limited occupancy allowing for physical distancing and strict sanitation practices in place.
  - Saunas, pools (indoor and outdoor) and shared spaces should remain closed, except swim lanes and water fitness areas (see above).
  - Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.
  - Food/drink bars should remain closed.

### Summer Sports and Organized Youth Activities:

- Swim Team Practices:
  - 2 people per lane unless they are in the same family unit then the number per lane can exceed 2 people.
  - Maximum of 10 people per practice.
  - Pre-shower at home and enter and exit the pool through the side doors.

- Customers must be asked whether they have COVID-19 symptoms at the door and should be excluded from the fitness center if symptomatic.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

●Softball/Baseball Practices:

- Practice in groups of 10 or less, with a set roster.
- More than one group of ten is allowed if the players are spread out on the different parts of the field or batting stations, and physical distancing can be maintained.
- Equipment sanitation should be provided in between group rotations.
- Maximize physical distancing with at least six feet distance between individuals throughout, especially during stretching, drills and in the dugout.
- Players and coaches should be asked to exclude themselves if they have COVID-19 symptoms at the start of practice.
- No team sharing of helmets. Individual helmets required.
- No community water stations or drinking fountains.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

●Basketball:

- Practice in groups of 10 or less, with a set roster.
- More than one group of ten is allowed if the players are spread out on the court/split gym and physical distancing can be maintained.
- Equipment sanitation should be provided in between group rotations.
- Maximize physical distancing between individuals when possible, especially during stretching, drills and in team huddles.
- Players and coaches should be asked to exclude themselves if they have COVID-19 symptoms at the start of practice.
- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of balls, bathrooms and high-touch surfaces.
- Set practice times with no overlap between different teams.
- No community water stations or drinking fountains.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

●Wrestling:

- No physical contact, fitness and strengthening training only.
- Practice in groups of 10 or less, with a set roster.
- More than one group of ten is allowed if wrestlers are spread out in gym and physical distancing can be maintained.

- Maximize physical distancing with at least six feet distance between individuals throughout.
- Implement one-way entry/exit if feasible.
- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high- touch surfaces.
- Require athletes to disinfect equipment after every use.
- Players and coaches should be asked to exclude themselves if they have COVID-19 symptoms at the start of practice.
- Athletes should be encouraged to wear a face covering both when entering the facility and while in the facility, unless a face covering inhibits the participants ability to participate in the fitness activity.
- Given the many unknowns regarding how the SARS CoV-2 virus responsible for COVID-19 is spread, use of equipment in the gym should be no closer than every six feet from each other.
- Smaller exercise rooms with poor ventilation should be discouraged from use.
- Coaches must clean and disinfect shared equipment, including wrestling mats, between uses.
- No community water stations or drinking fountains.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

● Volleyball:

- Practice in groups of 10 or less, with a set roster.
- More than one group of ten is allowed if the players are spread out on the court/split gym and physical distancing can be maintained.
- Equipment sanitation should be provided in between group rotations.
- Maximize physical distancing between individuals when possible, especially during stretching, drills and in team huddles throughout, especially during stretching, drills and in team huddles.
- Players and coaches should be asked to exclude themselves if they have COVID-19 symptoms at the start of practice.
- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of ball, bathrooms and high-touch surfaces.
- Set practice times with no overlap between different teams.
- No community water stations or drinking fountains.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

- Football:

- Practice in groups of 11 or less, with a set roster.
- More than one group of ten is allowed if the players are spread out on the different parts of the field and physical distancing can be maintained.
- Equipment sanitation should be provided in between group rotations.
- Maximize physical distancing with at least six feet distance between individuals throughout, especially during stretching, drills and on the sidelines.
- Players and coaches should be asked to exclude themselves if they have COVID-19 symptoms at the start of practice.
- No team sharing of helmets. Individual helmets required.
- No community water stations or drinking fountains.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

- Camping/Guide and Outfitting:

- Group Camping/ Guide and Outfitting of more than 10 people, is discouraged.
- Encourage self-contained units.
- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high- touch surfaces.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.

- Youth Camps:

- Students in groups of 10 or less with a set roster.
- Maximize physical distancing with at least six feet distance between individuals.
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.
- Participants and supervisors/counselors should be asked to exclude themselves if they have COVID-19 symptoms at the start of each day.
- Instructors encouraged to wear cloth face coverings.

- Libraries:

- Limit the number of customers to a total of no more than 10 at any given time.
- Do not allow customers to congregate in book aisles.
- Operate with strict physical distancing practices of six feet between customers.
- Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance where lines form
- Implement or maintain one-way entry/exit.
- Encourage employees and the public to wear cloth face coverings.
- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces.
- Ask customers to exclude themselves from using the facility if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness.

- Encourage online ordering of books and continue to offer curbside services, such as delivery, pick up and drop off bins.
- Jackets of returned books, magazines, and videos should be cleaned with sanitizing wipes prior to restocking.
- All returned paper items (books, newspapers, magazines, etc.) should be removed from circulation for a total of 24 hours following sanitation.
- Services such as copying and faxing for the general public are allowed with strict sanitation and hand hygiene performed between each service.
- Limit use of computers to every other station.
- Keyboards and touchscreen devices should be sanitized after each use.
- Large children's gatherings, such as story time events, are discouraged
- Encourage frequent hand hygiene practices.



# RIO BLANCO COUNTY

## Roadmap - Phase 2

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Continuing Strategies for Success:

Phase 1 dated April 29, 2020

Phase 2 dated May 20, 2020

# PROPOSED APPROACH – PHASE 2

## Decisions should be based on the following:

- ✓ Up to date data and readiness of community
- ✓ Ability to mitigate risk of resurgence
- ✓ Protection of those most vulnerable

# PRIORITIES FOR SUCCESS

1. A consistent approach with a consistent message
2. A messaging campaign that brings community members to a place of common understanding and social responsibility
3. Each county in Colorado has its own timeline
  - a. Rio Blanco County has unique needs and a rural lifestyle that lends itself to unique guidelines for COVID-19 mitigation.
4. Incremental steps
  - a. Thoughtfully implemented phases will help to prevent reinstating restrictions due to resurgence.
5. Time and frequent evaluation
  - a. Helps to progress to the next phase of reopening.

# **CORE RESPONSIBILITIES ACHIEVED and MAINTAINED PHASE 1**

TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING	HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CAPACITY	PLANS	SUCCESS
Ability to set up safe and efficient screening and testing sites for symptomatic individuals and trace contacts of COVID + results	Ability to quickly and independently supply sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and critical medical equipment to handle dramatic surge in need	Protect the health and safety of workers in critical industries	
Ability to test syndromic/ILI-indicated persons for COVID and trace contacts of COVID + results	Ability to transport for surge ICU capacity	Protect the health and safety of those living and working in high-risk facilities (e.g., senior care facilities)	
Ensure sentinel surveillance sites are screening for asymptomatic cases and contacts for COVID+ results are traced (sites operate at locations that serve all community individuals).		Advise citizens regarding protocols for social distancing and face coverings	
		Monitor conditions and immediately take steps to limit and mitigate any rebounds or outbreaks by restarting a phase or returning to an earlier phase, depending on severity and capacity to serve the community	

# ACHIEVED REGIONAL GATING CRITERIA

Phase 1 began on April 29, 2020 and has been successfully completed.

<b>SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>HOSPITALS</b>
Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses reported within a 14-day period	Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period	Treat all patients without crisis care
<b>AND</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>AND</b>
Downward trajectory of covid-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period	Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests)	Robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing

## MOVING FORWARD – PHASE 2

### **Continued Evaluation Illustrates Supports Progression to Phase 2.**

Triggers for moving to Phase 2 have been met. Ex: all criteria has been met in Phase 1 plus proposed criteria outlined in Phase 2.

*Successful recovery balances the concerns of the disease with the long-term economic and behavioral health needs.*

## PHASE 2:

There has been no evidence of rebound or new cases within the Rio Blanco County and previous gating criteria has been met.

### GUIDELINES FOR RIO BLANCO COUNTY RESIDENTS

ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS should continue to shelter in place and precautions taken to isolate said individuals. Members of households could potentially carry the virus home if working in an environment where physical distancing is not feasible.

WHEN IN PUBLIC SPACES, individuals should maximize physical distance from others. Settings of 50 people or more should be avoided unless precautionary measures are taken or physical distancing is feasible.

NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL is not recommended but decision making is left to the individual and or entity to decide best practices..



## PHASE 2

### GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYERS

ENCOURAGE TELEHEALTH, as feasible and when possible.

COMMON AREAS where employees are likely to gather and where public may congregate should be encouraged to maintain moderate physical distancing protocols and the area should be frequently cleaned and high-touch areas disinfected.

CONSIDER SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS for employees who are members of vulnerable populations.

## PHASE 2

### SPECIFIC TYPES OF EMPLOYERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES (camps, daycare) can reopen.

POLICIES REGARDING VISITS TO HOSPITALS AND SENIOR CENTERS should be set by the facility ensuring the safety of its residents. Those who interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict hygiene protocols.

LARGE VENUES (sporting events, places of worship, sit-down dining) can operate under moderate physical distancing protocols.

ELECTIVE SURGERIES can resume, as clinically appropriate on an outpatient and inpatient basis at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines.

GYMS can remain open if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols.

BARS may operate with diminished standing room occupancy where applicable and appropriate.

# REGIONAL GATING CRITERIA BEFORE PROCEEDING TO PHASE 3

<b>SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>HOSPITALS</b>
Maintain stable trajectory of influenza-like illnesses reported within a 14-day period to ensure medical capacity remains sufficient to meet the needs of the community	Maintain stable trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period	Continue to treat all patients without crisis care
<b>AND</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>AND</b>
Maintain stable trajectory of covid-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period to ensure medical capacity remains sufficient to meet the needs of the community	Maintain stable trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests)	Maintain robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing

May 20, 2020

# COVID-19 Media Availability

# PARTICIPANTS



- **Jill Hunsaker Ryan**, Executive Director
- **Dr. Rachel Herlihy**, State Epidemiologist
- **Scott Bookman**, COVID-19 Incident Commander

Media questions and answers *Moderator: Mariah La Rue, CDPHE*

# COLORADO'S GOALS

- Slow down virus spread so we don't exceed hospital capacity and run out of hospital beds/ventilators
- Get kids back to school in the fall
- Prevent a 2nd wave, especially during peak flu season (Nov - March)
- Prevent having to return to Stay at Home
- Enable local decision making to limiting population mixing

*The more the virus is circulating, the harder it will be and the longer it will take to get back to “normal”*



# WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT COVID-19

- More contagious and fatal than the flu
- Presentation in individuals is unpredictable; Symptoms range from none severe
- Long term consequences still unclear, e.g., Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory syndrome.
- No treatments or vaccines - only experimental products
- Long incubation period: delay between when people are exposed (day 1) and have symptoms (day 5). Facilitates spreading.
- ~50% of cases asymptomatic facilitating spread and hard to detect and isolate
- Lag time in detection: People with symptoms get tested day 8 and hospitalized day 13. Public Health data lags 1-2 weeks.
- We don't understand if people who have had COVID-19 have immunity or whether it lasts.

# COVID-19 GROWS EXPONENTIALLY

Colorado likely started with a reproduction ( $R_0$ ) value between 3 & 4. Social distancing and other measures have lowered it to close to 1 but it could ramp up again to between 3 & 4.

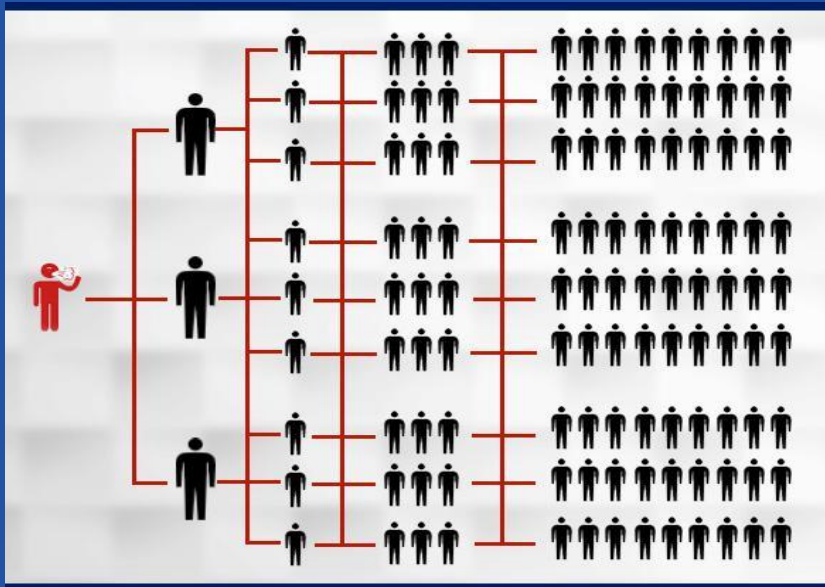
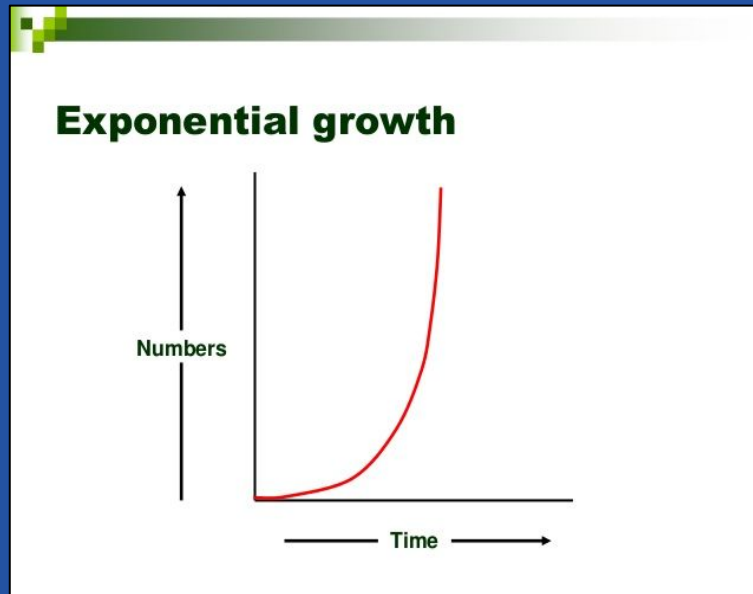


Figure 1  $R_{\text{Naught}} = 3$





# Where are we in Colorado's epidemic?

## COVID-19

**Estimate:**

**167,000**

**Coloradans have  
had COVID-19**

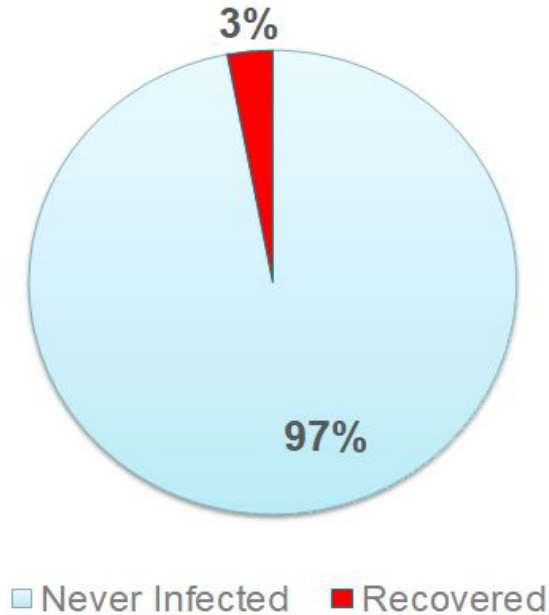
**(2.9% of Colorado's population)**

**source: Colorado School of Public Health**

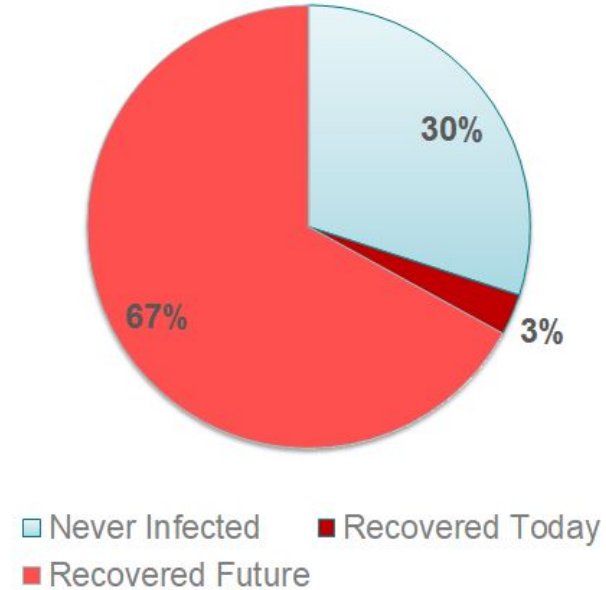


# POPULATION AT RISK

Colorado Residents Today Pop: 5.76 mil



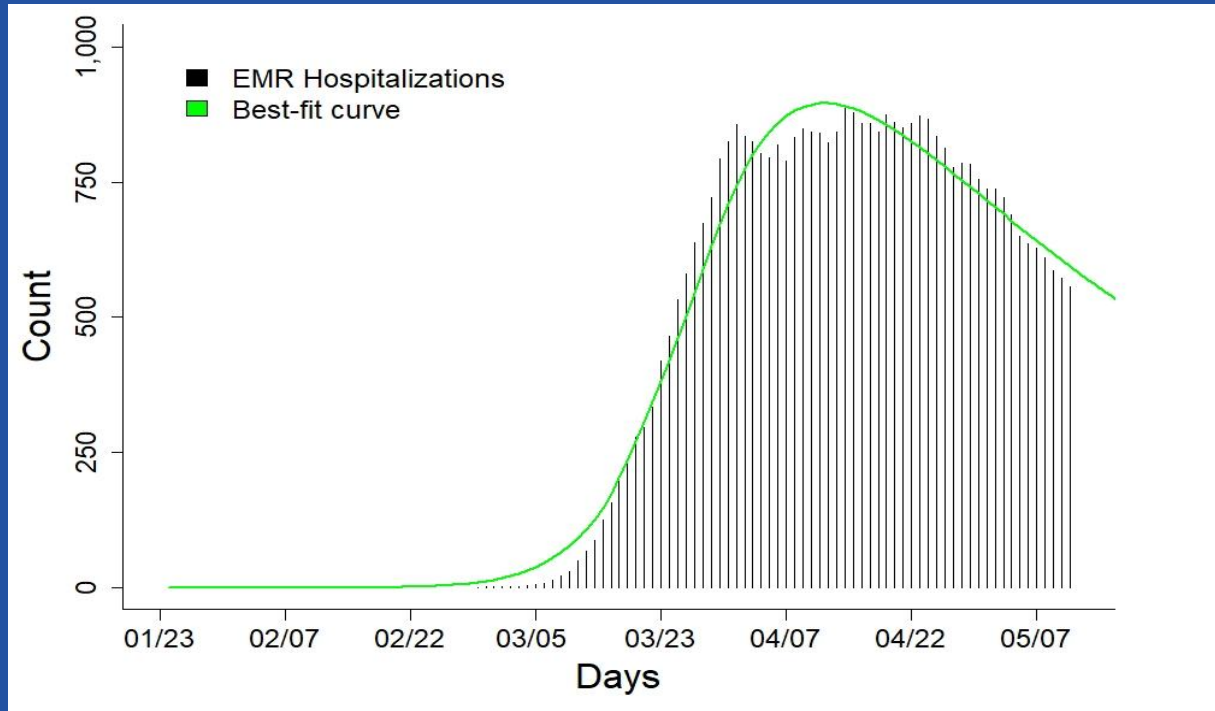
Future: Level for Herd Immunity



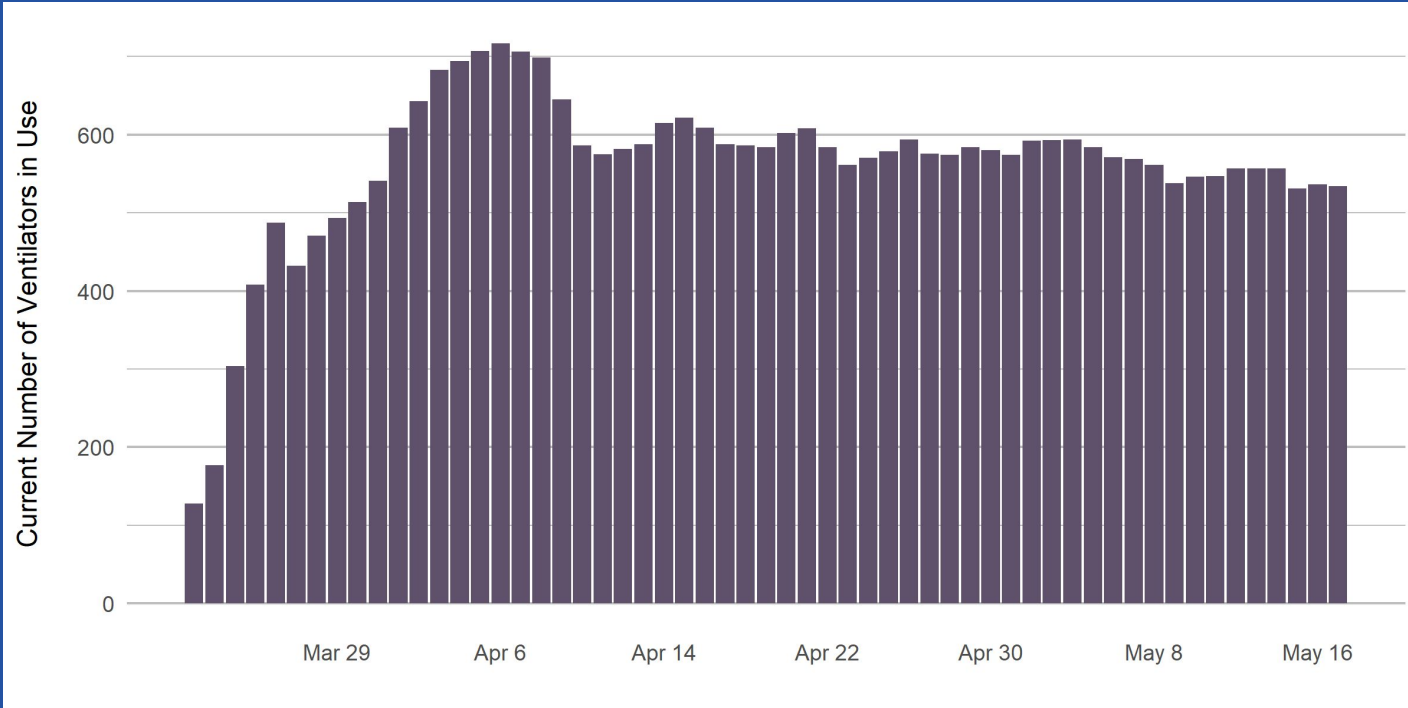
We don't know if immunity lasts or if it's possible to even have herd immunity without a vaccine



# STAY AT HOME BENT THE CURVE: THE NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZATIONS DECLINED



# TOTAL NUMBER OF VENTILATORS IN USE



# GAME CHANGERS

- Widespread TESTING capacity to quickly detect the disease, isolate the person and quarantine their contacts. (Social distancing on a personal level). Supplies still limited.
  - Test innovations like At-Home test kits, more accurate rapid tests, and more sensitive tests to better detect asymptomatic cases.
- Better understanding of IMMUNITY.
  - Does it exist or can you get COVID-19 again? Does immunity last? Will it provide herd immunity? If yes, people need access to accurate antibody tests to know they've recovered.
- ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS can lessen the severity and duration of illness. Remdesivir is one such experimental medicine, efficacy and safety is still unknown.
- VACCINES-COVID-19 is a retrovirus so more difficult to create a vaccine. 1+years out

# COLORADO'S STRATEGY

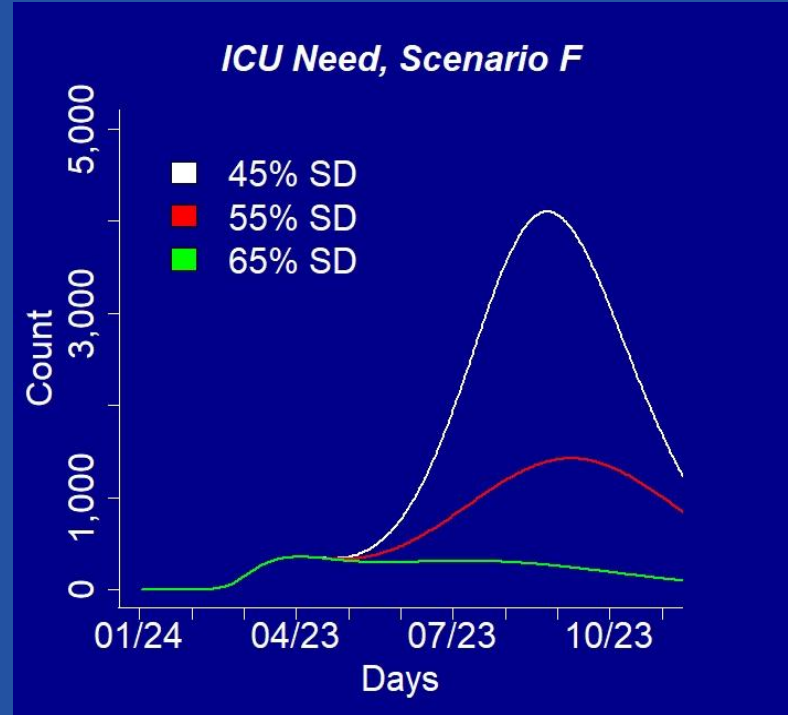
- Maintain Social Distancing at 55% or above.
- Older adults and those with underlying conditions continue to stay home.
- People wear masks in public to protect each other.
- Every county has a community testing site.
- Every county is able to detect symptomatic cases and contact trace exposures.
- Rapid response to outbreaks (industry follow guidance).
- Being Data Driven: daily monitor key indicators in an early warning system
  - Case doubling time
  - Hospitalizations/ventilators and ICU bed availability
  - Outbreaks
  - Mobility

# SOCIAL DISTANCING IS KEY: NEED TO REMAIN ABOVE 55%

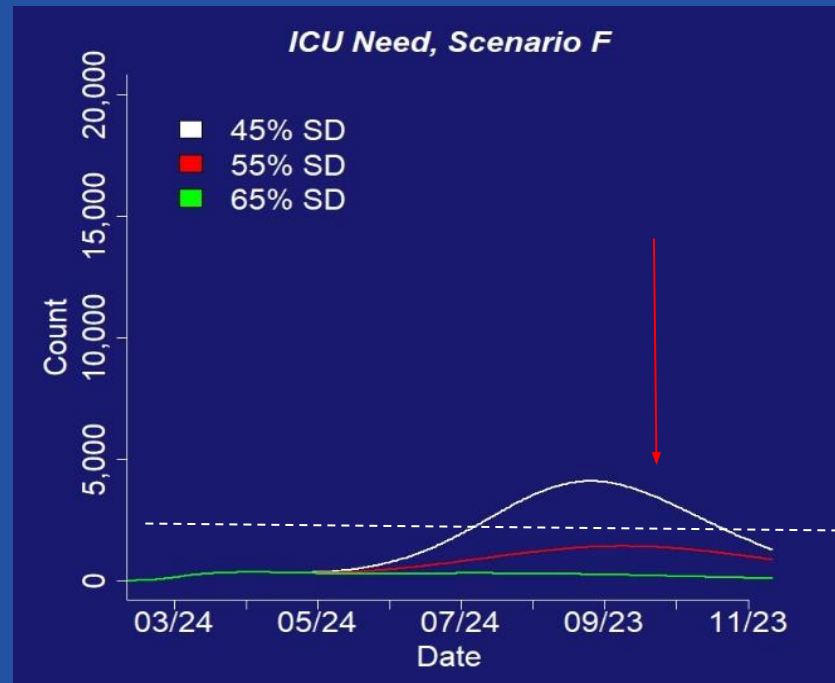
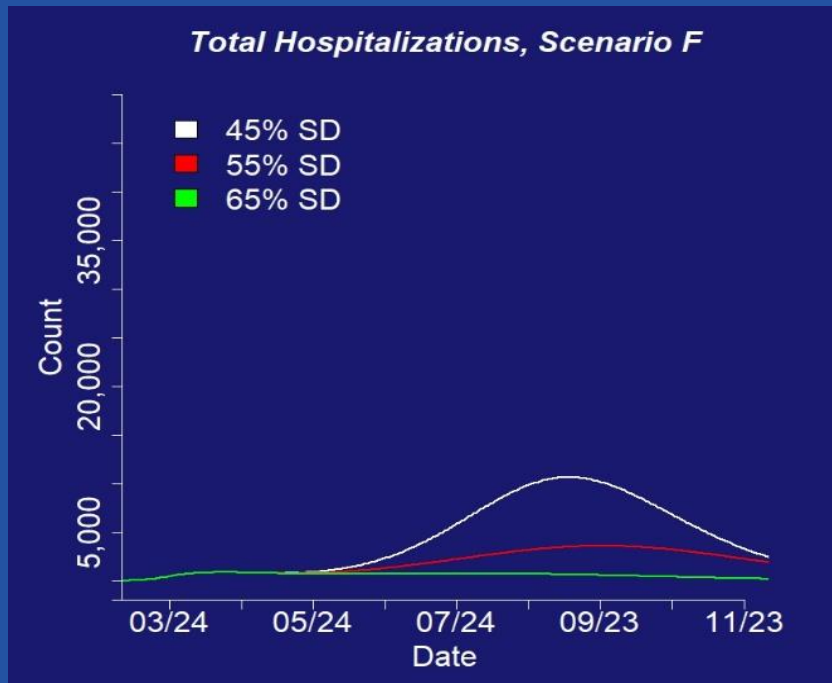
Scenario F includes:

- Mask wearing
- Older adults stay home
- Symptomatic people are isolated
- Interactions among people are limited to 55% of normal

Source: Colorado School of Public Health



# EVEN SMALL DIP BELOW 55% CAN RESULT IN HOSPITAL OVERRUN



Scenario F also includes Masks, Isolation, Social Distancing and older adults stay at home



# WE ARE STILL MEASURING % OF SAFER AT HOME

We will have a clearer understanding of the impact of Safer at Home by the end of May. This will help us know if we are still above the 55% threshold.

Issue	Decision Date	Take Effect Date	1ST GENERATION DATA	2ND GENERATION DATA	3RD GENERATION DATA
Retail (curbside)	April 27	May 1	May 14	May 19	May 24
Retail (in person)	April 27	May 4	May 17	May 22	May 27
Personal Services	April 27	May 1	May 14	May 19	May 24
Offices	April 27	May 4	May 17	May 22	May 27
Child Care	April 27	May 4	May 17	May 22	May 27
Manufacturing	April 27	May 4	May 17	May 22	May 27

Counties that remained in Stay At Home until May 8 have delayed data timelines.

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# TESTING SUMMARY

- 3,000 - 4,500 tests per day
- Goal: 8,500 by end of May
- 24,000 swabs kits distributed per week
- 41+ community testing sites
- Recent news
  - Swab supply chain options expanding
  - 10 Workflow kits for ThermoFisher Taqpath COVID 19 received this week from federal government
    - Includes extraction and detection materials for 96,000 complete tests to increase
  - Expanded sample collection options at state lab to include directly-observed self collected nasal swabs

# EPIDEMIOLGY/CONTACT TRACING

- Direct funding for LPHA workforce enhancement
- Onboarding public health students at CDPHE
- Collaborating with AmeriCorps

# OUTBREAK RESPONSE

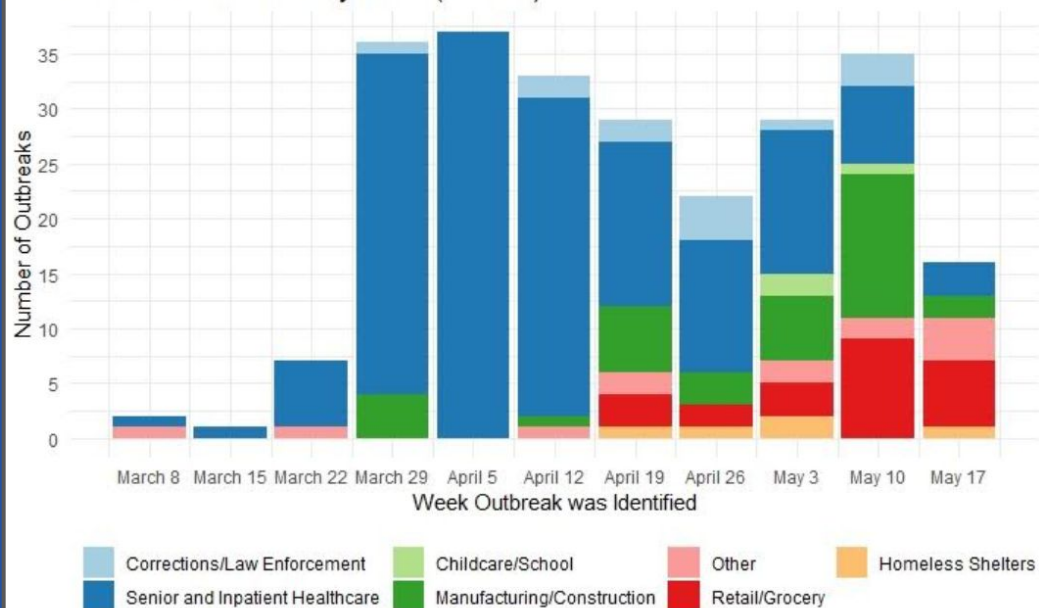
*Outbreak: Two or more Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a facility or (non-household) group with onset in a 14 day period.*

- Local public health agencies lead most outbreak investigations
- CDPHE leads multi-jurisdictional and state facility outbreak investigations
- CDPHE supports local public health and facilities with outbreaks:
  - Technical assistance
  - Guidance for prevention, reporting, and response outbreaks
  - Virtual and in-person expert site visits
  - Guidance and expertise in healthcare, residential facilities, workplaces, manufacturing/agriculture, corrections

*If a facility identifies 2+ COVID cases: temporarily close and contact Public Health for cleaning, mitigation, employee screening, and reopening guidance.*

# OUTBREAKS IN COLORADO

COVID-19 Outbreaks by Week (n = 248)

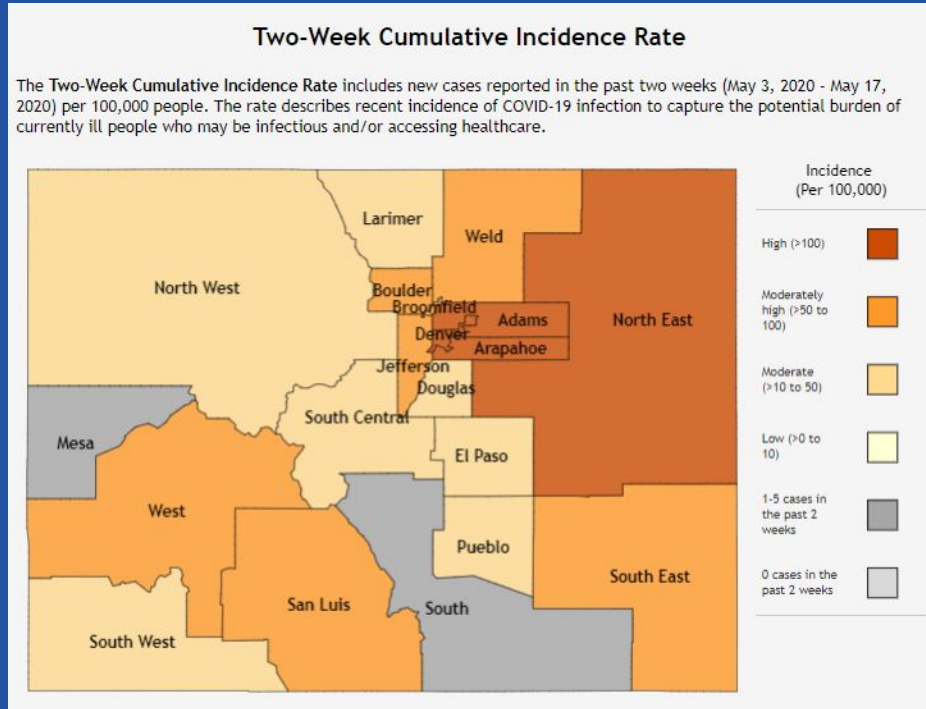


Total and Ongoing outbreaks by week



# MONITORING REGIONAL SPREAD

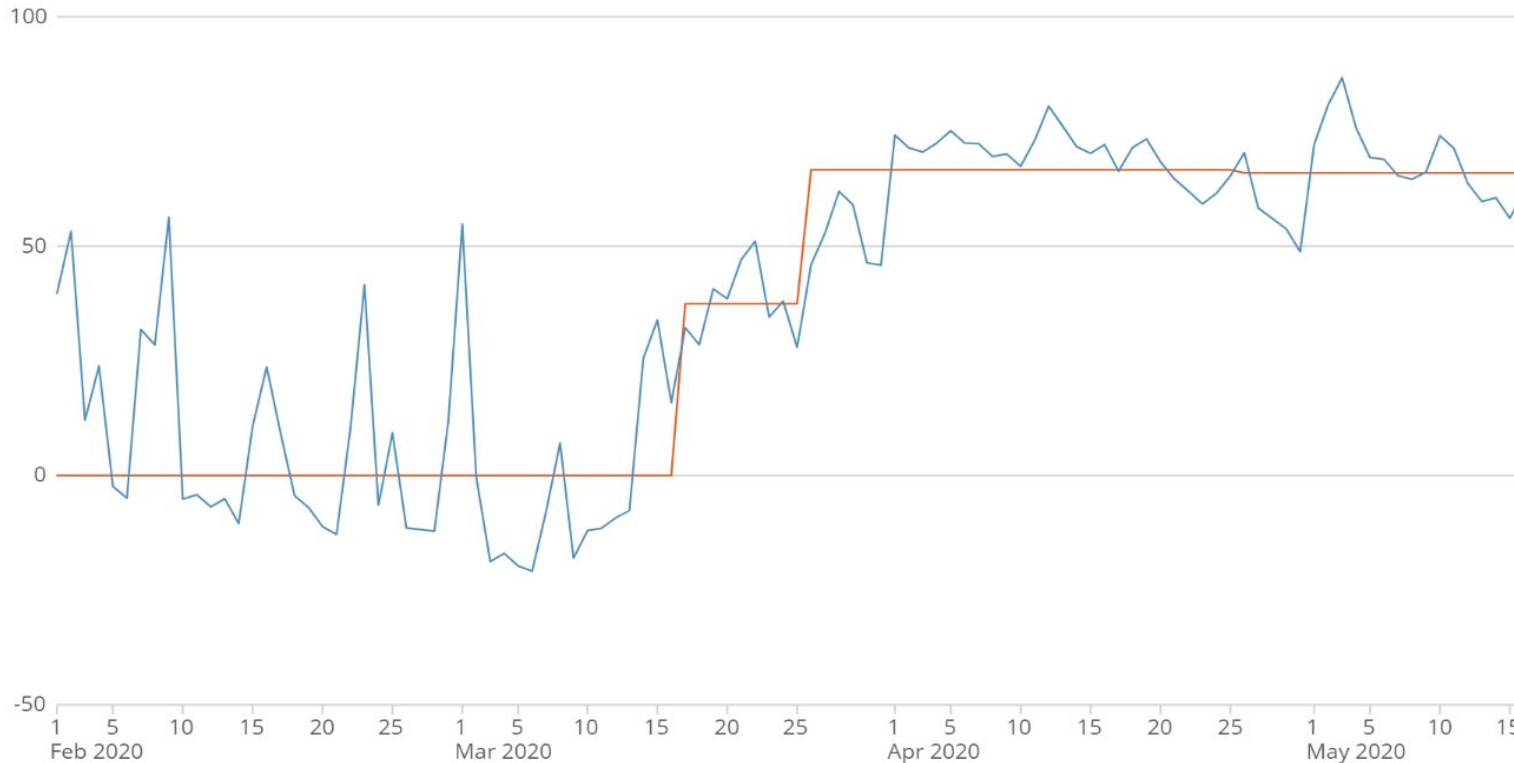
You can explore incidence and epidemic curves at [covid19.colorado.gov/data/incidence-epidemic-curve](https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/incidence-epidemic-curve)



# CDPHE IS MONITORING MOBILITY

Stay-at-Home Index - Full History

Feb 1, 2020 - May 16, 2020, by Day ▾

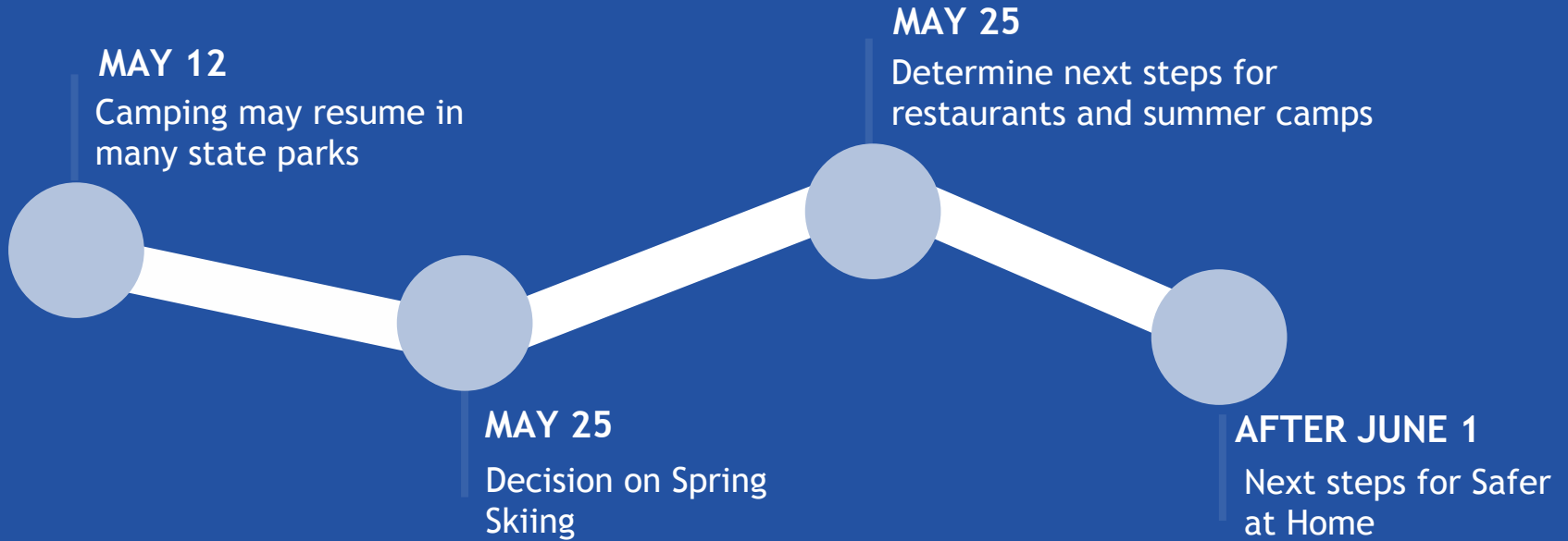


— Stay-at-Home Index  
— Relevant Period Baseline





# NEXT STEPS



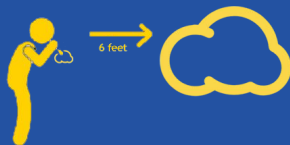
# AS RESTRICTIONS ARE LOOSENED, GUIDANCE IS OFFERED BASED ON THE SCIENCE OF HOW THE DISEASE SPREADS

## 2 MAIN EXPOSURE RISKS

### AEROSOL

Air where someone breathed, sneezed, or coughed

### CLOUD



### SURFACE CONTACT

Touching something that someone touched or coughed, breathed, or sneezed on

## 5 MAIN PREVENTION STEPS



Distancing  
6 feet apart



Increase air  
ventilation



Wear  
cloth masks



Disinfect  
surfaces



Wash hands  
regularly

# Q & A



- **Jill Hunsaker Ryan**, Executive Director
- **Dr. Rachel Herlihy**, State Epidemiologist
- **Scott Bookman**, COVID-19 Incident Commander

Media questions and answers *Moderator: Mariah La Rue, CDPHE*