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Community Leaders,

Carlena here with the Governor's Community Engagement team! In an effort to continue to provide you with an official update from the Governor's office, below are some updates and information that the Governor provided. We appreciate your support in helping to share these updates with your network. With the rise of COVID-19 in Colorado, it is critical that Coloradans continue taking critical safety precautions like wearing your mask, staying at least six feet away from others, and limiting any socializing to your household.

Quick Links to Stay Up to Date:

- [Governor's Facebook Page](#)
- [Covid19.Colorado.gov](#)
- [Stay At Home Guide](#)
- [Coloradosaferathome.com](#)
- [AddYourPhone.com](#)
- [Colorado COVID-19 Vaccine Website](#)

Topline Update

Over the last 12 months, the State has seen **441,712 total cases, 23,993 hospitalizations, 2,654,490 completed tests, and 6,048 total deaths (6,126 are due to COVID)**. Every death is a tragedy. There are families and friends mourning across our state today and we keep them in our thoughts.

Yesterday, March 15, the State reported **322 new positive cases and 341 new hospitalizations**.

In terms of new cases, 2 of the last 14 days have had an upward **trend** in the 7-day moving average of newly reported cases. **In terms of hospitalizations, 6** of the last 14 days have had an **upward trend** in the 7-day moving average of new hospitalizations. The deadly virus continues to be very prevalent in our state right now, and it remains critical that people wear masks, stay at least six feet away from others, and avoid socializing with people outside their households whenever possible.

This case data is broken down by various categories, is updated daily, and can be found [here](#).

Colorado Exposure Notifications

You have the opportunity to further protect yourself and your loved ones with a feature on your **phone** that notifies you if you have been exposed to someone contagious with COVID-19. By opting in through your **iPhone device settings** or **downloading [the app](#) onto your Android device, you can better protect yourself and your family**.

Testing

If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms, please get a **free, quick, and easy** test. Visit covid19.colorado.gov/testing to find a testing site near you.

Vice President Kamala Harris Visits Colorado

This morning, Governor Polis and Lieutenant Governor Primavera welcomed Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff to Colorado. Vice President Harris joined the Governor for a virtual visit with the staff of Salud Clinic in Fort Lupton -- one of the equity vaccination sites the State is working with to reach medically-underserved populations, and went to Maria Empanada in Denver, where Vice President Harris sat down with small businesses to discuss what the American Rescue Plan means for them.

It was an honor for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to meet with Vice President Kamala Harris today, and they are thrilled that she and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff visited Colorado as one of the first stops of the Biden Administration's 'Help is Here' American Rescue Plan tour.

It's been a tough year for Coloradans, and so many people across the country, but this new federal relief plan is set to deliver much needed economic support that will complement Colorado's own bipartisan stimulus package and help us build back even stronger.

Federal Vaccine Supply Update

This morning, the State gained some insight on the federal vaccine supply from a call Governor Polis joined with other governors and the White House COVID Response Team.

The national supply continues to increase:

- Next week, Colorado's weekly vaccine allocation will increase by 3,000 doses of

- Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.
- We'll receive relatively the same amount of Johnson & Johnson doses next week as we did this week about - 6,700. This amount is expected to significantly increase the week after next.
 - Vaccination supplies coming into our state are anticipated to reach 400,000 doses per week by the end of April.

The Governor is proud that Colorado has readied our vaccination operations to meet the new demand in order to **open up eligibility for all Coloradans by mid-April**, ahead of the Biden Administration's call for every state to make the vaccine available to the general population by May 1st.

These numbers, as always, are subject to change, and the Governor will continue to provide updates as we get more information from the federal government.

Holding Pattern

Today, the Governor was joined by State Epidemiologist Dr. Rachel Herlihy and Dean of Colorado's School of Public Health Dr. Jon Samet to provide insight on COVID trends we're seeing in our state.

All major public health decisions coming from the State and our Department of Public Health are driven by the data and guided by science.

Dr. Herlihy said we've reached a high plateau of cases and what that indicates is that we're not yet at a place where we have population protection from the vaccine and we're no longer seeing a steady decline in hospitalizations.

Our public health officials will be closely monitoring variables that could cause an increase in cases and hospitalizations like the arrival of the B.1.1.7 variant and other variants of concern.

By all measures, this data indicates that we need to continue taking every safety precaution -- and Coloradans have been doing an incredible job!

But there's another story here that's worth telling today -- one of hope seen in the tangible progress we're making by ramping up our vaccination efforts.

If we work hard to both stay safe and get the vaccine to our highest risk Coloradans now, we will see a steady decline across the board and break out of the holding pattern soon.

Indicators for Safe Reopening - Coloradans 70+

From the beginning of this pandemic, the State has prioritized saving the lives of Coloradans with the highest risk of becoming severely ill or dying from COVID-19.

What we know about our Coloradans 70 and older - that 78% of hospitalizations and nearly 80% of deaths due to COVID-19 are attributed to this group - guided the decision to prioritize vaccinations for this group. We started with 70+ residents in skilled nursing facilities where infection rates are higher.

Hospitalizations have been the true north when planning our COVID response. By tracking the real-time impact on our hospital systems, we can take targeted action to prevent COVID in populations where we have seen the most severe cases.

The State set a goal to vaccinate 70% of Coloradans 70 and older, expecting to see a gradual decrease in hospitalizations. Now that we've shot way past that goal with **77% of all Coloradans 70 and older having received at least one dose, we are seeing our**

hospitalizations, infections, and deaths for this group steadily fall.

Dr. Samet said we have a ways to go and we're heading towards more and more Coloradans being immune either because they've had the infection or because they've been vaccinated. The good news is that 80% above 65 have had at least one dose of the vaccine.

As more vulnerable people are vaccinated, we have a clearer view of our road to reopening.

The hope is that in a couple of weeks, things will look much better. At that point, we can better determine if our goal to begin reopening more parts of our state is possible.

Vaccine Clinics Rescheduled

The State is aware of Coloradans who are concerned about COVID-19 vaccine appointment disruptions when clinics closed this weekend due to the snowstorm.

The vast majority of major health providers are working around the clock to actively reschedule appointments that were scheduled on either Saturday and Sunday. **This means you do not need to reach out - they will connect with you.**

- If you signed up through **Kaiser**, they will be reaching out by text and secure email to get you another appointment for this week at the same time of day and location as your original appointment.
- **UCHealth**, which had 2,500 scheduled appointments at their 11 locations this past weekend, will call or text patients to reschedule for this week.
- **SCL Health** is notifying patients by phone and text message to reschedule appointments for the next available date.
- **Vaccine equity clinics stood up** by community-based organizations in partnership with the Governor's office and CDPHE have also quickly pivoted to reschedule appointments.
 - 15 clinics, including 3 clinics designated for patients receiving their second dose, are in the process of reaching out to let folks know about their new appointment date and time.

Updated dates for equity clinics:

DATE	EVENT NAME	CITY	RESCHEDULE DATE
3/13	GREATER IGNACIO COMMUNITY	IGNACIO	500 1ST DOSE, 500 2ND DOSE
3/13	VOCES UNIDAS	GLENWOOD SPRINGS	DOSES SHIPPED TO GLENWOOD SPRINGS ON 3/10
3/13	STREET FRATERNITY	DENVER	RESCHEDULED TO 3/21
3/13	GUARDIAN ANGEL CHURCH - 2ND DOSE	DENVER	RESCHEDULED TO 3/21
3/13	SERVICIOS DE LA RAZA 1ST DOSE	DENVER	RESCHEDULED TO 3/20
3/13	MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERS - 2ND DOSE (1ST DOSE 2/13)	BOULDER	RESCHEDULED TO 3/21
3/13	INNER CITY HEALTH CENTER (IHC)	DENVER	RESCHEDULED TO 3/20
3/13	COLORADO PRIMARY CARE CLINIC 1ST DOSE	AURORA	RESCHEDULED TO 3/20
3/13	JOINT VACCINE TASK FORCE-CDPHE	GLENDALE	RESCHEDULED TO 3/19
3/13	LARIMER COUNTY/ WELD COUNTY PH	LOVELAND	RESCHEDULED TO 3/20
3/14	QUEEN OF VIETNAMESE MARTYRS	WHEAT RIDGE	RESCHEDULED TO 3/28
3/14	UNITED CHURCH OF MONTEBELLO - 2ND DOSE (1ST DOSE 2/14)	DENVER	RESCHEDULED TO 3/18
3/14	A BRIGHTER COMMUNITY LLC	WHEAT RIDGE	RESCHEDULED TO 3/18
3/14	LARIMER COUNTY/ WELD COUNTY PH	LOVELAND	RESCHEDULED TO 3/21
3/14	FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT	CANON CITY	ON SCHEDULE

Fortunately, CDC guidelines indicate that the second dose of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines may be provided up to six weeks after the first dose, so **these delays are not expected to impact the effectiveness of the vaccine.**

[The Road to a Better Colorado](#)

Over the last year, we've lost more than 6,000 Coloradans to this virus. That number doesn't even begin to account for the immeasurable suffering of the tens of thousands of those who knew them.

So while we work to control what we can - our rates of passing this virus from person to person, the number of people who become ill and require medical treatment, and the lives we save by getting as many shots into arms as possible, it's crucial that we hold onto the reins a little bit longer to keep ourselves and others safe.

No matter what they are, meeting all of our goals is important.

Whether we want to enjoy a burger and beer at a bar, indoors with our mask off, travel to see close friends, hug grandpa for the first time in over a year, or have extended family surround us at the dinner table - to achieve our goals, the bar has to be open and grandpa needs to be fully vaccinated.

By this summer, the Governor hopes our state has achieved immunity for the majority of Coloradans and we can move closer to business as usual because of what you all did.

In partnership with legislative leaders and the people of Colorado, we will build our businesses, our health, our wellbeing, back better than before.

Thank you all for what you're doing right now - wearing your mask, socially distancing, and getting the vaccine when it's your turn, to protect our future.

We've made too much progress to turn back now.

[State of Colorado Job Openings](#)

We are looking for new individuals to fill the following positions! Please feel free to share these openings with your networks.

Deputy Data Director - Vaccine Equity, Office of the Governor

- Description: This position is responsible for designing and building reports and tools to inform the Vaccine Equity Team's strategy to serve hard-to-reach communities. This position needs to demonstrate strong analytical skills and leadership under pressure. An ideal candidate for this role would have prior experience using a variety of data tools and an understanding of Colorado's geography and demographics. This position is expected to last around three months.
- Application Closing Date: 3/16/2021
- Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/3014335/deputy-data-director-vaccine-equity>

Community Outreach Coordinator - Vaccine Equity, Office of the Governor

- Description: The State of Colorado Vaccine Equity Team exists to provide immunization services to vulnerable residents of Colorado throughout the state in a timely fashion through regional events targeted to hard-to-reach populations including BIPOC, immigrant, rural, and low-income communities. The Colorado Vaccine Equity Team is seeking diverse individuals from all backgrounds to apply for a position that makes a direct impact on helping Colorado defeat the COVID 19 virus by ensuring all residents have equitable access to this life-saving vaccine. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our staff and providing culturally responsive programs and services. Therefore, we encourage responses from people of diverse backgrounds and abilities. **(4) position vacancies will be filled.**
- Application Closing Date: 3/16/2021
- Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/3014545/community-outreach-coordinator-vaccine-equity>

Regional Coordinator - Vaccine Equity, Office of the Governor

- Description: The State of Colorado Vaccine Equity Team exists to provide immunization services to vulnerable residents of Colorado throughout the state in a timely fashion through regional events targeted to hard-to-reach populations including BIPOC, immigrant, rural, and low-income communities. The Colorado Vaccine Equity Team is seeking diverse individuals from all backgrounds to apply for a position that makes a direct impact on helping Colorado defeat the COVID 19 virus by ensuring all residents have equitable access to this life-saving vaccine. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our staff and providing culturally responsive programs and services. Therefore, we encourage responses from people of diverse backgrounds and abilities. **(7) position vacancies will be filled.**
- Application Closing Date: 3/16/2021
- Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/3014602/regional-coordinator-vaccine-equity>

Director of Child, Youth, Family Behavioral Health, Department of Human Services

- Description: This position manages the daily operation of Children, Youth, Family Behavioral Health (CYFBH) and provides subject matter expertise at the interpretive and formative level, delivering technical assistance to the community, provider agencies, other stakeholders and other state agencies regarding behavioral health issues for CYFBH. It supervises a team of program managers who each cover a specific and distinct area of services to children and families. It acts as the primary representative for OBH on outside committees that deal with behavioral health issues and services for this population, and assigns work and supervises positions who work with programs and community agencies serving CYFBH: These services include residential child care facilities, behavioral health, mental health services, and substance use disorders for children, adolescents, and families.

Application Closing Date: 3/17/2021

- Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/2999805/director-of-child-youth-family-behavioral-health>

Minority Business Office Director, Office of the Governor

- Description: The MBO Director is responsible for working with various business and community groups, including the Minority Business Advisory Council (MBAC) to develop and implement the MBO strategic plan. In addition, the MBO Director is responsible for the direction, management, and evaluation of all agency operations, programs, and services, and for maintaining effective internal and external relations. The holder of this position provides leadership to the nonprofit and for-profit minority industries and organizations in Colorado; represents the agency and its advisory council to governmental and legislative bodies, arts organizations, minority-owned corporations, private foundations, the media, and the public.
- Application Closing Date: 3/18/2021
- Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/2984840/minority-business-office-director>

State Boards & Commissions Openings

We are continually looking for qualified candidates to serve on almost 320 boards and commissions that oversee a large variety of subjects and make a wide range of decisions affecting your day-to-day lives as Coloradans. These boards are a tremendous opportunity for Coloradans to help govern and give back to the great state of Colorado. You can find upcoming openings and immediate openings due to resignations below:

Upcoming Openings/ Openings Due to Resignation:

- Agricultural Commission
- Civil Rights Commission
- Coroners Standards and Training Board
- Mined Land Reclamation Board
- State Board of Health
- State Board of Human Services
- Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Board
- Real Estate Commission
- Regional Air Quality Council
- Statewide Independent Living Council
- Assessment Appeals
- Food Systems Advisory Council
- Banking Board
- Commission on Aging
- Office of Public Guardianship

To apply, fill out an application at [this link](#). To see other Boards and Commissions openings for the rest of 2020 and part of 2021, you can visit [this link](#).

If you have any questions about Boards and Commissions, please contact Nikky Patel, Deputy Director of Boards and Commissions at boards@state.co.us.

We greatly appreciate your help to share information during this crisis, and we will continue to send regular updates. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or needs from our office. Thank you for doing your part.

We are all in this together!

You can view the Governor's press briefing and listen to his full remarks [here](#).

Thanks,
Carlena

Estimados Líderes Comunitarios,

Les escribe Carlena Sanchez del equipo de Participación Comunitaria del Gobernador Jared Polis. Como parte de nuestros esfuerzos para compartir la última información oficial de la Oficina del Gobernador, les compartimos algunas actualizaciones. Les agradecemos su apoyo al ayudarnos a difundir esta información en sus redes sociales y comunitarias. Con el incremento de casos del COVID-19 en Colorado, es fundamental que los Coloradenses sigan tomando precauciones de seguridad críticas como usar su tapabocas, mantenerse al menos a seis pies de distancia de los demás y limitar la socialización con personas que no viven en su mismo hogar.

Enlaces para Mantenerse Actualizado:

- [Página de Facebook del Gobernador \(EN ESPAÑOL\)](#)
- [Covid19.colorado.gov](https://www.covid19.colorado.gov)
- [Guía para Quedarse en Casa](#)
- [Coloradosaferathome.com](https://coloradosaferathome.com)
- [AddYourPhone.com](https://addyourphone.com)
- [Sitio web de la vacuna contra el COVID-19 de Colorado](#)

Actualización

En los últimos 12 meses, el Estado ha visto un total de **441,712 casos, 23,993 hospitalizaciones, 2,654,490 pruebas de detección positivas y 6,048 muertes en total (6,126 se deben al COVID)**. Cada fallecimiento es una tragedia. Hay familias y amigos que están de luto en todo nuestro Estado hoy y los mantenemos en nuestros pensamientos.

Ayer, 15 de marzo, el Estado reportó **341 nuevas hospitalizaciones y 322 nuevos casos positivos**.

En términos de casos nuevos, 2 de los últimos 14 días han tenido una **tendencia a la alza** en el promedio móvil de 7 días de casos nuevos notificados. **En cuanto a las hospitalizaciones, 6** de los últimos 14 días han tenido una **tendencia a la alza** en el promedio móvil de 7 días de nuevas hospitalizaciones.

El virus es extremadamente peligroso y extremadamente frecuente en nuestro estado en este momento y es fundamental que las personas usen tapabocas alrededor de otras personas y eviten socializar con personas fuera de sus hogares siempre que sea posible.

Los datos de este caso se desglosan en varias categorías, se actualizan diariamente y se pueden encontrar [aquí](#).

