



October 29, 2020

Donald Moore, President
Michael Nerenberg, Vice President
Eileen Dennis, Member
Ed Brown, Member
Garrison Ortiz, Member
Pueblo County Board of Health
via email

Randy Evetts, Director
Pueblo Department of Public Health & Environment
via email

RE: Pueblo County Mitigation Plan

Dear Commissioners and Director Evetts:

Thank you for submitting a mitigation plan to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) with regards to Pueblo County's current status under **Public Health Order 20-35 Safer at Home Dial**, as amended. Current metrics for disease spread in Pueblo County include the following:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 367.62/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 5.66%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 618

While we appreciate the county's swift actions and approach in implementing targeted strategies, as cases continue to increase we feel it's prudent for Pueblo County to implement through a local public health order the following additional restrictions given the burden and sources of disease in the county:

- Restrict spectators at organized sporting events, including high school and adult recreational and league sports.
- Reduce participant size for organized recreational and league youth sports.
- Reduce office capacity to 25%
- Reduce indoor and outdoor event size.
- Implement an alcohol service curfew or "last call" for 10pm.

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Additionally, we would like to see the county emphasize targeted community messaging around telecommuting, as well as enforcement measures the county will take to better ensure compliance.

We will follow up with you in ten days to assess the county's metrics and mitigation progress. If the county's incidence rate has not significantly decreased, we will move the county to a more restrictive level at that time. CDPHE also reserves the right to move the county to a more restrictive level at any point should circumstances warrant more aggressive sector restrictions.

We appreciate your thoughtful approach to the challenges in Pueblo County. Suppressing the spread of this persistent virus takes the cooperation of everyone consistently practicing good disease prevention strategies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Hause', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ann Hause
Director, Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance