



November 19, 2020

Garrison Ortiz, Commissioner
Terry Hart, Commissioner
Chris Wiseman, Commissioner
Pueblo County Board of Commissioners
via email

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

RE: Pueblo County COVID-19 Dial Level Change

Dear Commissioners and Director Evetts:

On November 12, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notified Pueblo County Public Health that the county's incidence rate had exceeded COVID-19 Dial Level Red thresholds, and as such the county would be moved to Level Orange to facilitate a gradual implementation of restrictions. At that time, the county's COVID-19 metrics were as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 908.93/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 10.54%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 1,528

As of today, the county's COVID-19 metrics are as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 1640.59/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 15.82%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 2,758

Given the increase in incidence rate, case count and percent testing positivity, implementation of additional restrictions is warranted at this time. As such, CDPHE is moving Pueblo County to COVID-19 Dial Level Red.

The change from Level Orange to Level Red is effective Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 5pm and the county should work to inform residents, businesses and other stakeholders to ensure the transition is completed by then. This process will require the county to implement restrictions across all sectors as described in Section II.F of [Public Health Order 20-36](#), as amended.

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Should the county restore metrics for a less restrictive level at any time during the more restrictive phase, the county would need to maintain those metrics for two weeks and complete the request process described [here](#).

I want to assure you that we appreciate the unique challenges facing Pueblo County and commend you for your diligence. Preventing the spread of this persistent virus takes the cooperation of everyone consistently practicing good disease prevention strategies and your partnership is critical to this effort. Thank you.

Lastly, if we can be a resource for you in any capacity, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Hunsaker Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment