



November 19, 2020

4:00 PM Update Pueblo, CO #PuebloCOVID19

Cases updated weekdays (excluding government holidays) on pueblohealth.org/covid19.

Community Updates

Community Testing Site at State Fairgrounds Will Be Closed Thursday, November 26, 2020

Testing will resume Friday, November 27, 2020.

Thanksgiving Week COVID-19 4 PM Updates

Monday, November 23, 2020 will be the only update sent for the week of 11/23 - 11/27. Updates will resume Monday, November 30, 2020. Continue to check pueblohealth.org for information.

Public Health Urges Individuals to Pre-Register for COVID-19 Testing at State Fairgrounds and Reminds those tested to Register to Receive Results

To save time in line, please pre-register to get tested for COVID-19 at the State Fairgrounds by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/co-pueblo-12753>.

For results of individuals tested **text MAKO to 66349** or visit mako.luminatehealth.com. On this website, enter information, and you will be sent an email when results are ready to view. A PDF download of your results page is available to print or share.

MAKO Medical reminds those tested that it takes two days to process results after samples are received at the lab due to shipping time to the lab. If you make a mistake with your information (spelling of name, date of birth, etc.) setting up your results portal it could take days to reset. MAKO Medical urges those tested not to call their customer service line unless it has been at least four days since you were tested. The volume of calls is very high and wait times are long.

Pueblo County COVID-19 Data Display Updated on Website

The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment added information and graphs to the COVID data webpage. Case information of two-week incidence rate, deaths by age group, death rate, number of test and percent positive, age and gender of cases, demographics of cases is available on the webpage. These charts are updated weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. View information [here](#).

Community COVID-19 Testing Site Open Monday through Friday and Second and Fourth Saturdays

Pueblo County's free COVID-19 drive-thru testing site is open Monday through Friday and every second and fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Testing is available in the Livestock Pavilion at the Colorado

State Fairgrounds. Enter the site through Gate 4 off Mesa and Gaylord avenues. There is no limit to the number of people who can be tested per day.

Please note, testing will be unavailable at the community testing site on Thursday, November 26, 2020. Testing will resume Friday, November 27, 2020.

Testing is encouraged for people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, first responders, health care workers, critical infrastructure employees, teachers, and individuals who work in congregate settings. Test results are generally back within four days. Additional information and a pre-registration link can be found here: pueblohealth.org/covid19

Governor and State Updates

State health officials release guide to safer Thanksgiving: Enjoy the holiday safely by celebrating at home or virtually

Thanksgiving is one of the most delicious days of the year, and a wonderful time to celebrate the people closest to you. As COVID-19 cases continue to rise throughout Colorado, it's important to do everything possible to keep yourself and your loved ones safe while celebrating Thanksgiving.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) advises Coloradans to only interact in-person with people from their household this Thanksgiving to help slow the alarming spread of COVID-19. This holiday season is an opportunity to reimagine what togetherness can look like and come up with creative ways to celebrate loved ones while making sure they stay healthy for many more years to come.

Dos and don'ts for Thanksgiving celebrations:

- **Do** cook and eat a special meal with members of your immediate household.
- **Do** video chat or talk on the phone with friends and family who don't live with you.
- **Do** wear a mask and keep 6 feet of distance from others while grocery shopping for your Thanksgiving feast.
- **Don't** travel to visit family and friends in other households.

See all Thanksgiving guidelines on our website at covid19.colorado.gov/thanksgiving.



Host Virtual Thanksgiving

Schedule a time to share a meal together virtually.

Have people share recipes and show their turkey, dressing, or other dishes they prepared.

Watch television and play games with people in your household

Watch Thanksgiving Day parades, sports, and movies at home.

Find a fun game to play.

Shopping

Shop online sales the day after Thanksgiving and days leading up to the winter holidays.

Use contactless services for purchased items, like curbside pick-up.

Shop in open air markets staying 6 feet away from others.

Other Activities

Safely prepare traditional dishes and deliver them to family and neighbors in a way that does not involve contact with others (for example, leave them on the porch).

Participate in a gratitude activity, like writing down things you are grateful for and sharing with your friends and family.

By choosing to host virtual Thanksgiving this year, you could save lives and the ability to spend future holidays together.

If Gathering In-Person, Everyone Can Make Thanksgiving Safer

Traditional Thanksgiving gatherings with family and friends are fun but can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. Follow these tips to make your Thanksgiving holiday safer.

The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is to celebrate with people in your household. If you do plan to spend Thanksgiving with people outside your household, take steps to make your celebration safer.

Wear a Mask

Wear a mask with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.

Make sure the mask fits snugly against the sides of your face.

Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you

Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread COVID-19 or flu.

Keeping 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Attending a Gathering

Make your celebration safer. In addition to following the steps that everyone can take to make Thanksgiving safer, take these additional steps while attending a Thanksgiving gathering.

Bring your own food, drinks, plates, cups, and utensils. Wear a mask, and safely store your mask while eating and drinking.

Avoid going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled, such as in the kitchen.

Use single-use options, like salad dressing and condiment packets, and disposable items like food containers, plates, and utensils.

If having guests to your home, be sure that people follow the steps that everyone can take to make Thanksgiving safer.

Have a small outdoor meal with family and friends who live in your community.

Limit the number of guests.

Have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for celebrating together.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between use.

If celebrating indoors, make sure to open windows.

Limit the number of people in food preparation areas.

Have guests bring their own food and drink.

If sharing food, have one person serve food and use single-use options, like plastic utensils.

State announces updates COVID-19 website to add data, improve accessibility and streamline navigation

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is updating the COVID-19 website to add new data, and improve accessibility, readability and ease of use.

Among the changes are new feature on hospital data to include regional ICU bed availability information; reorganization of guidance to match the dial framework; improved accessibility making it easier to find data and other important information and improved navigation categories to include “For Coloradoans”, “Guidance for Businesses and Communities” and “Public Health Orders.” The website address www.covid19.colorado.gov.

Outbreak Updates

Eighteen New Outbreaks Reported in Pueblo County

Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced eighteen new COVID-19 outbreaks in Pueblo County since Monday, November 16, 2020. The outbreaks were reported at Aerocare, Albertsons, Avila Integrative Medicine, Center at Park West, Credit Union of Colorado, FRE Composite USA, Interim Home Health Care, King Soopers North, Maggie’s Farm Marijuana Dispensary I-25, Mesa Veterinary Clinic, Olive Garden, Prescription Shop, Primetime

Sports Emporium, Pueblo Bank and Trust, Pueblo County Treasurer Office, Southern Colorado Gaming and Events Center, Vectra Bank Downtown, and Vestas.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment an outbreak in a facility is defined as two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 from separate households during a 14-day period. Pueblo County has had 80 reported outbreaks, 62 are active and 18 have been resolved.

Pueblo’s COVID-19 Case Updates

Health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced nine Pueblo County residents have died related to COVID-19 since Monday, November 16, 2020. A 48-year-old male, 63-year-old male, 66-year-old male, 69-year-old female, 83-year-old male, 89-year-old female, 93-year-old female, 93-year-old male, and 95-year-old female who were previously reported positive for COVID-19 died. The reported deaths bring the total in Pueblo County to 74.

To ensure accuracy in the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Pueblo County, this update only contains daily case totals. Please check the [website](#) for COVID-19 data.

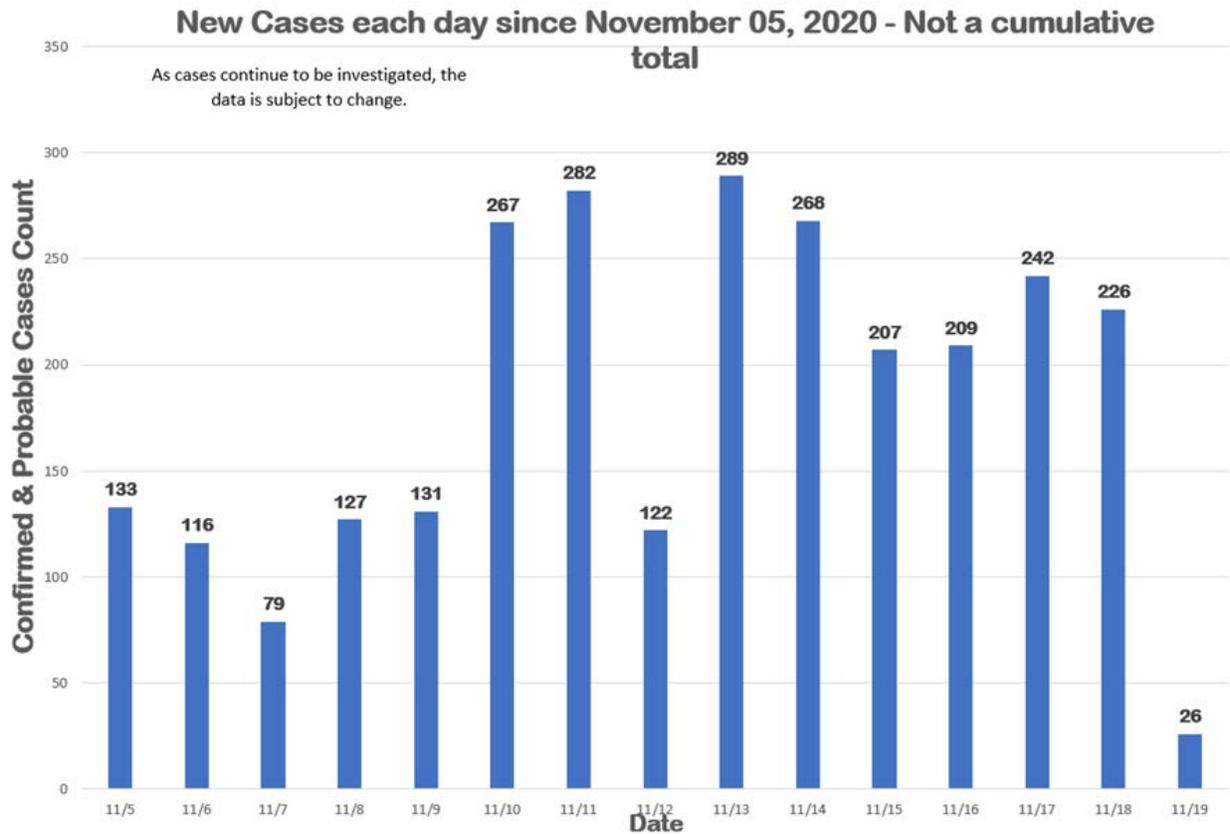
Public health officials from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced **686** new positive COVID-19 cases in Pueblo County since Monday, November 16, 2020.

To date, Pueblo County has a total of **5,744** confirmed positive and probable* cases among Pueblo County residents.

Confirmed and probable cases have been combined to align with state and national data. However, the COVID-19 Status Update chart will continue to show probable cases. As cases continue to be investigated, the data in this update is subject to change.

* A probable case meets the clinical criteria and epidemiological evidence, yet it has not been laboratory confirmed with a test. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is now reporting probable cases across the state.

COVID-19 Status Update - Thursday November 19, 2020									
RESULTS FOR PUEBLO COUNTY							STATE OF COLORADO		
Total Tested	Comm Based Test Site	Regular Testing	Probable Cases	Positive Cases	Total Deaths	Facility Outbreak Active/ Cleared	Total Tested in CO	Total Positive in CO	Deaths in CO
56,268	34,501	22,024	250	5,494	74	62/18 = 80	1,511,200	176,694	2,651



Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment encourages residents and media to seek out credible, reliable sources of information on COVID-19:

- pueblohealth.org/covid-19

Pueblo COVID-19 Information Line is providing resources and answering questions 9 AM – 4 PM, Monday – Friday (closed for government holidays) 719-583-4444.

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