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## News Release

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### **COVID-19 Outbreak at Pueblo County Jail**

**Pueblo, CO:** Public health officials have notified the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office that there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at the Pueblo County Jail.

Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor was notified Monday by the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment of the outbreak status after it was determined there have been at least two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 during a 14-day period.

To date, there are 12 sheriff's employees, which includes contract employees, and four inmates that have tested positive for COVID-19. All those who have tested positive are in isolation and anyone who was in close contact with them is in quarantine.

"Unfortunately, cases of COVID-19 are increasing in our community and, we as part of the community, are not immune to it," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "We have been, and we will continue to take precautions and protective measures throughout the sheriff's office to keep our employees and the inmates healthy.

"We have a plan of action and we are taking steps to prevent further spread of this virus among our employees and the inmates," Taylor added. "We continue to do daily screenings and temperature and maintain a strict regime of cleaning and disinfecting at all our facilities."

Taylor said the Sheriff's Office continues to work with the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment and to follow all guidelines and recommendations to resolve the outbreak as soon as possible

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, an outbreak is considered resolved after there have been nonnew cases for at least 28 days. Pueblo County has had 48 reported outbreaks, 31 are active and 17 have been resolved.

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