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12:05 p.m. What Pueblo Health Wants You to Know:

"Pueblo COVID-19 Testing Site Opens to Anyone with Symptoms" Pueblo, CO #PuebloCOVID19

Pueblo, CO. – Local public health officials announced today the drive-up community testing site at the Colorado State Fairgrounds is now open to anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19.

The testing site, which opened April 22, initially was opened for first responders, health care workers, anyone over the age of 65 and critical business employees. Testing is now expanded to include anyone from Pueblo County and neighboring counties who have symptoms of COVID-19, which include cough, difficulty breathing, a fever of 100.4 or greater, headache, chills, muscle pain and sore throat. No physician order is required.

"This is a great opportunity for the Pueblo community to open testing to anyone who needs it," said Randy Evetts, public health director for the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. "We feel based on the other sites that have opened in the community to support first responders and health care workers, we believe we can safely extend testing at the state fair site to anyone who is symptomatic."

Evetts added anyone in surrounding counties who has symptoms of COVID-19 can be tested at the site.

The testing site is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Colorado State Fairgrounds, 1001 Beulah Avenue (enter through Gate 4 off Mesa Avenue and Gaylord Avenue). The first 250 individuals daily will be tested. Anyone being tested must have identification and must be in an enclosed vehicle. No walk-ups or motorcycles will be allowed at the testing site.

Everybody has a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable in Pueblo by:

- Follow Governor's Stay-At-Home order through April 26.
- Wear a non-medical cloth face covering while out in public for necessary activities
- Minimize social activities and being physically close to other people
- Isolate yourself if you feel symptoms of shortness of breath, cough, temperature of 100.4 or higher call your medical provider before visiting them.
- **Do not go to the emergency room unless medically necessary.**
- Wash your hands with soap regularly.
- Cough or sneeze into elbow or tissue.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Clean surfaces frequently touched.

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

- www.puebloemergency.info
- Call CO HELP at **1-877-462-2911** or email COHELP@RMPDC.org
- Pueblo's COVID-19 Hotline 719-583-4444

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