

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Chaffee County Public Health (CCPH) COVID-19 Updates

Our situational awareness reports are released on Mondays and Thursdays.

Additional updates are available on:

[Our Facebook page](#) (PLEASE NOTE: Over the weekends, we take a break from social media.)

[Chaffee County website](#)

[Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](#) (provides real-time updates and the most current information regarding COVID-19 in our county)

In addition, we work with our local media to push out timely and accurate information.

The county's current positivity rate is 1.72%.



We ask community members to continue to adhere to the five commitments of containment:

In Chaffee County we:

- Maintain 6 feet of distance.**
- Wash hands often.**
- Wear face coverings in public.**
- Get tested if have symptoms.**
- Stay home when sick.**

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The logo for Chaffee County Public Health, featuring a stylized tree with leaves and the text "CHAFFEE COUNTY public health" below it.

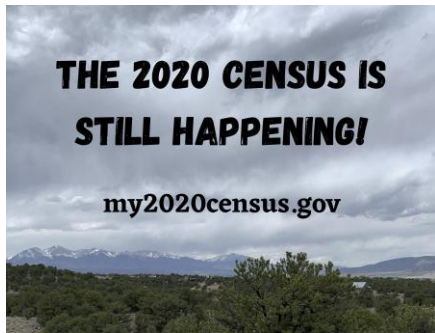


We are in the process of developing a backup plan for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, or have come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19, and need a safe place to isolate or quarantine. Please [click here](#) to read more.

[Guidelines for Halloween Festivities](#)



Given the fact that the pandemic has threatened our resources, it's now even more important to get a good population count. The numbers from the 2020 Census matter, as they will help drive money to our community. That money will go toward many services that are used by most of us. This includes public safety, emergency preparedness, healthcare and economic development, the very things that we have been focused on since COVID-19 reached our nation and local communities.



By completing the 2020 Census, you will lend a helping hand to Chaffee County.

Time is running out! Please take a few minutes today to go to my2020census.gov..

FREE Community Testing Clinics

Chaffee County Public Health hosts weekly free COVID-19 Community Testing Clinics.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays in Salida from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Toubert Building, 448 E. First St., in the C Street parking lot
- Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Buena Vista Annex, 114 Linderman Ave.

Testing is by appointment only. *Appointments must be scheduled by close of business the day before the testing clinic will be held.*

Criteria for testing includes:

- Any community member (or others who consider Chaffee County their medical home) who is showing symptoms.
- Any asymptomatic patient who has a known contact (within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes) with a positive case, or has traveled in an area with high transmission rates. This does not include secondary contacts.
- All healthcare workers, first responders, senior care facility workers and workers who directly interact with the public while working, whether or not those individuals have symptoms or not.

If you are interested in testing, call 719-539-4510 to be screened and scheduled for testing.

The current wait time for test results is only 2-5 days.

Those with severe respiratory symptoms should contact their primary care provider directly.

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center
HRRMC updates can be found on the [Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

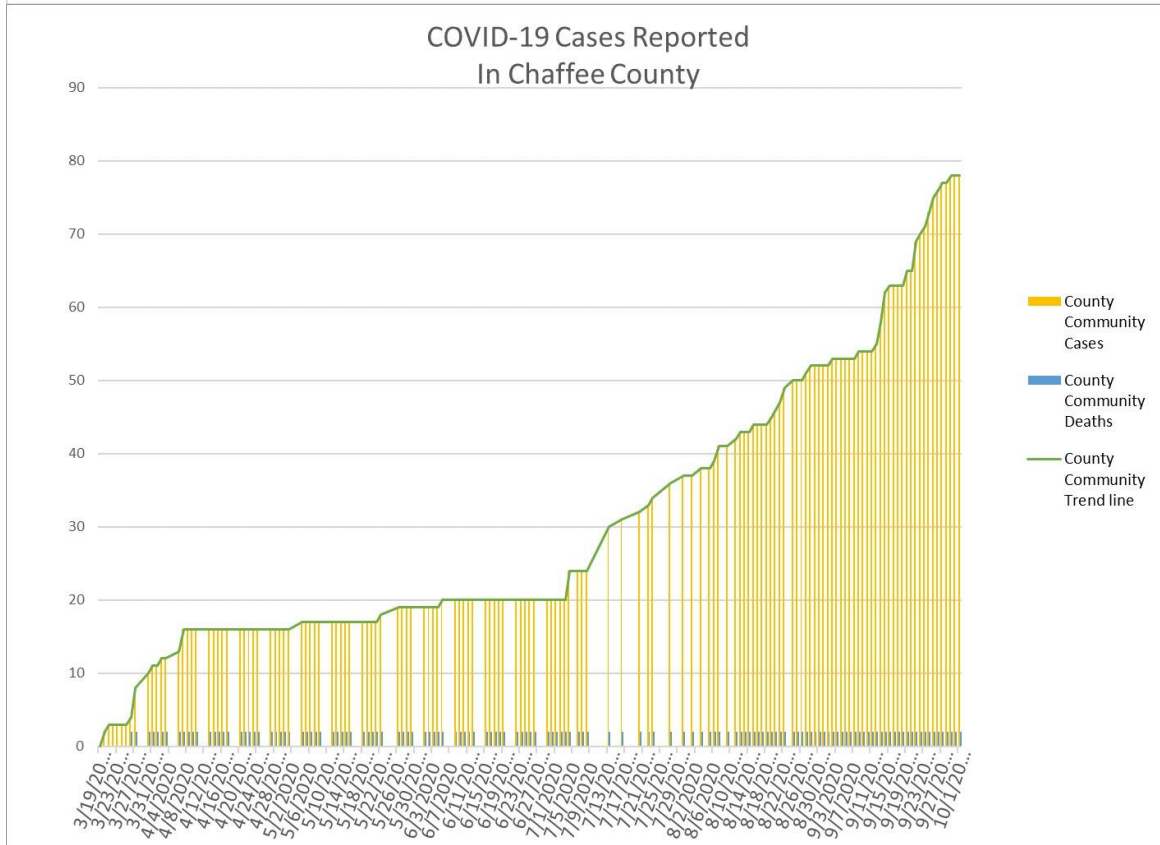
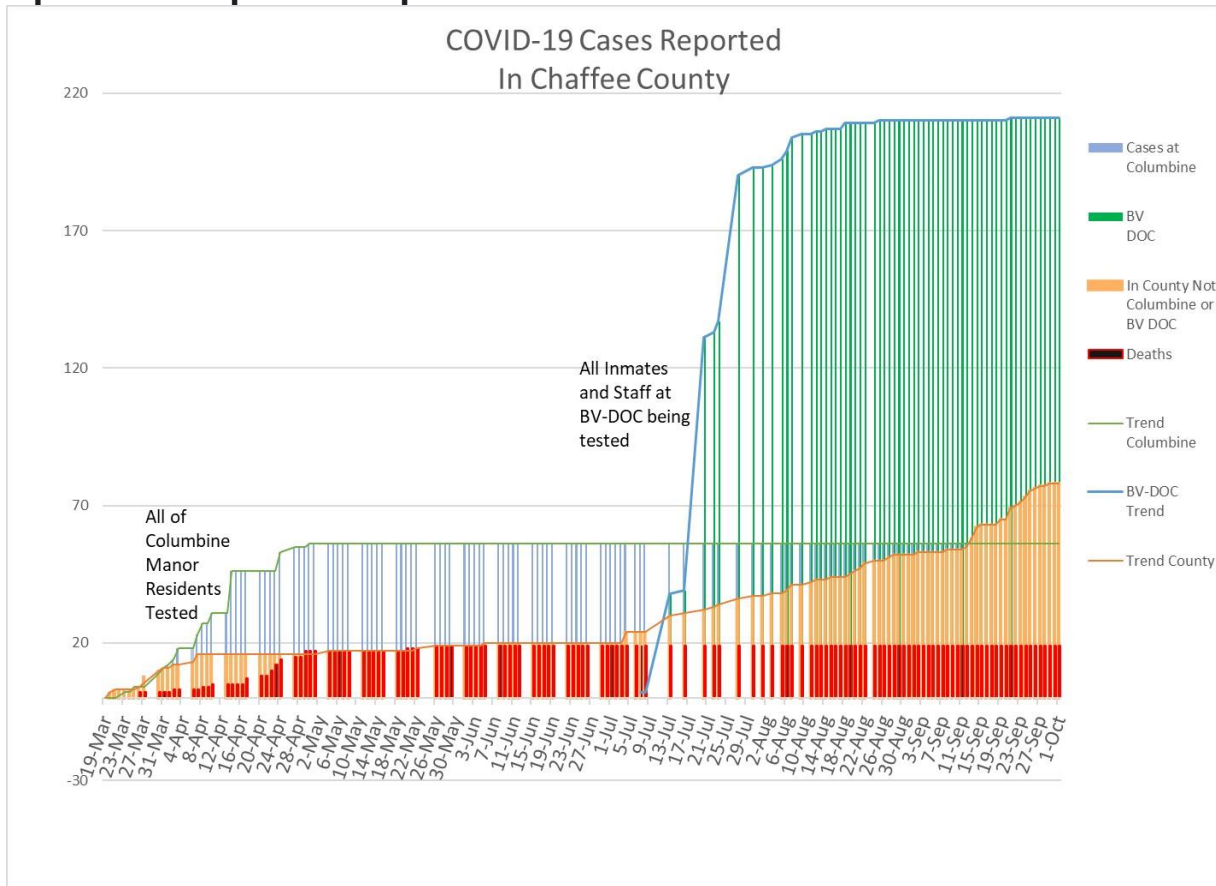
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

[Dashboard](#)

[Dial Fact Sheet](#)

[Overview of Dial](#)

Updated Graphs of Reported Cases



Update from State of Colorado

[Guidance for outdoor structures for restaurants and events](#)

This information will help restaurants safely accommodate customers outdoors in the upcoming colder months using temporary structures or pop-up structures.

This document outlines the guidance restaurants must follow to provide a safe environment for their customers to eat in these temporary structures.

Capacity allowances should follow levels for indoor and outdoor settings as listed in the [Colorado's dial framework](#). These capacity allowances apply to both temporary/pop-up or permanent structures.

Current Public Health Orders

[Chaffee County Amended Public Health Order 9.1.20](#)

[Executive Order on Masks.9.12.20](#) --- **will expire thirty (30) days from Sept. 12.**

[Executive Order on Masks FAQ](#)

[Colorado's Public Health Order regarding the Safer at Home Dial](#) - **amended 9.20.20**

[Colorado Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Order 9.19.20](#) - **amended and extended to thirty (30) days from Sept. 19.**