

Thursday, October 22, 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.



COVID-19 Close Contact

Updated Definition

New transmission evidence has prompted the CDC to update its close contact definition.

- Includes cumulative exposure over a day.
- Now defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected individual for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Questions? Call 719-539-4510.



Previous definition: Within 6 feet for over 15 minutes of the positive case during the 48 hours before symptom onset.

Town Hall

CCPH and key community stakeholders are hosting a Town Hall at noon tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 23, to share COVID-19 updates and its impact on our community.

To learn more, go here: [Town Hall Press Release](#)

Today's Flu Vaccination Clinic

Today's flu vaccination clinic in Salida started at 2 p.m. and will end at 6 p.m.

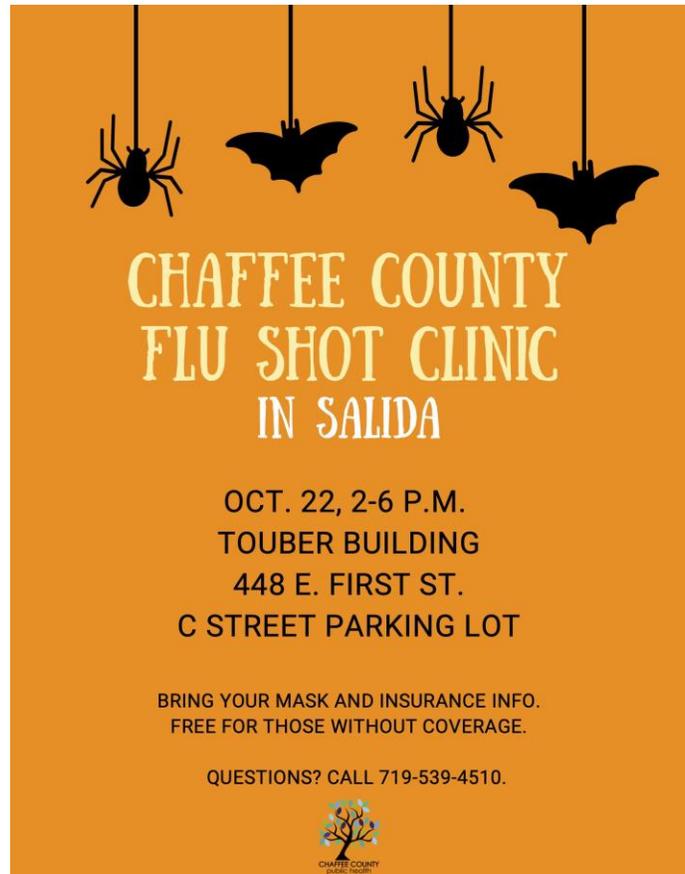
Location: Touber Building, 448 E. First St., C Street parking lot.

Given the existing burden of COVID-19 on our community, hospital and clinics, we urge residents to do all they can to remain healthy, as well as get vaccinated for the flu.

Flu vaccinations are free of charge for Chaffee County residents who do not have health insurance coverage. For residents with coverage, insurance information is required at the time of the vaccination.

All attendees will need to provide a form of ID.

Appointments are not required.



**CHAFFEE COUNTY
FLU SHOT CLINIC
IN SALIDA**

OCT. 22, 2-6 P.M.
TOUBER BUILDING
448 E. FIRST ST.
C STREET PARKING LOT

BRING YOUR MASK AND INSURANCE INFO.
FREE FOR THOSE WITHOUT COVERAGE.

QUESTIONS? CALL 719-539-4510.



How to Have a Safe Halloween



Letter to Local Businesses

Chris Kassar, CCPH COVID-19 community outreach coordinator, is officially on board to provide support to local businesses. [Click here](#) to read her letter to our county's business owners.

Current Positivity Rate for Chaffee County



Our county's current positivity rate is 4.69% (for Oct. 7-21). The State of Colorado strongly recommends that a community's positivity rate never exceeds 5%. We have a short window of time to get our transmission rate back under control before the holiday season. In the days to come, please remain vigilant and follow our 5 Commitments to 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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Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center

HRRMC updates can be found on the Chaffee County COVID-19 Dashboard.

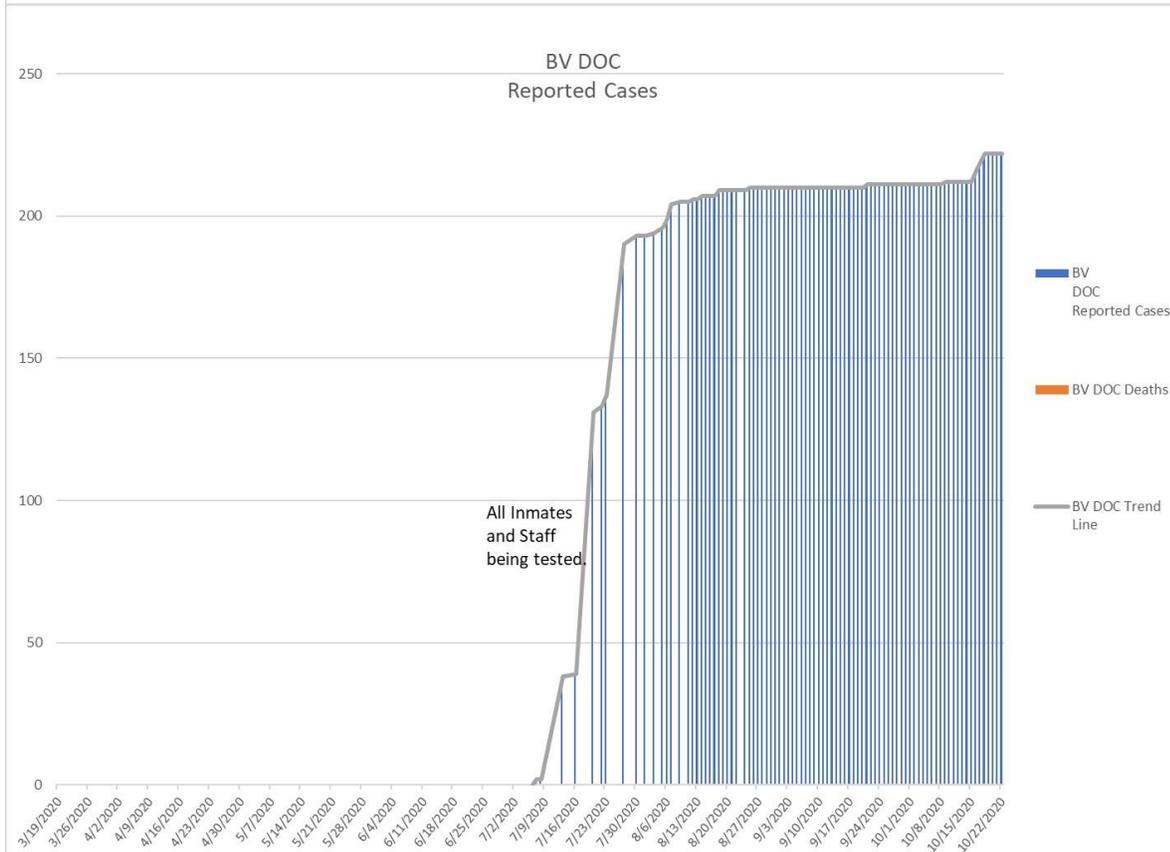
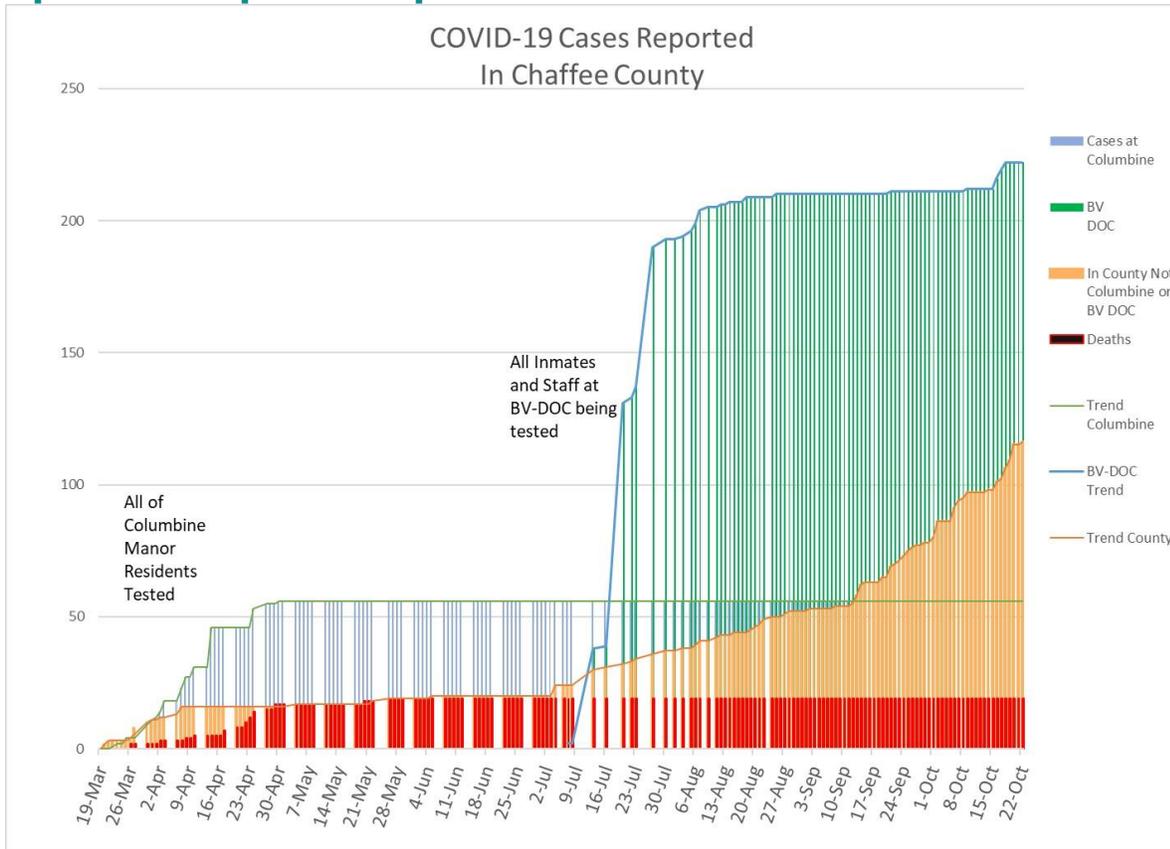
Buena Vista Correctional Complex (BVCC)

Some BVCC inmates, as well as staff members who live in Chaffee County recently tested positive for COVID-19.



BVCC updates can be found at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdoc/covid-19-faq-and-updates>.

Updated Graphs of Reported Cases



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 Touber 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.*

We now require a consent form for the COVID-19 tests that are performed at our free clinics. This form will significantly expedite the exposure notification process and streamline our contact tracing efforts.

[Click here](#) to access the form. Prior to your appointment, print the form, fill it out and sign. And, please don't forget to bring it with you.

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.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)



[How COVID-19 spreads](#) - updated 10/21/20 (Includes info on airborne transmission.)



On Sunday, Oct. 25, CDPHE will launch its statewide COVID-19 exposure notification system, previously announced by Gov. Polis in partnership with Google and Apple. On Sunday, Coloradans will receive a notice on their Android and Apple phones with instructions about how to opt-in.

Other Info:

[Dashboard](#)

[Dial Fact Sheet](#)

[Overview of Dial](#)

[Dial Timeline](#)

Governor Polis and the State of Colorado



On Tuesday, Oct. 20, the State of Colorado and CDPHE launched the [Step Up, Colorado](#) campaign, which emphasizes the importance of Coloradans wearing their masks and keeping their distance whenever they are around others. The governor urged everyone to "step up" to help spread the word and encouraged all Coloradans to protect each other from COVID-19.



\$1M from the CARES Act funding has been awarded to the Colorado Department of Agriculture to assist producers and processors. Applications for the Respond and Rebuild Fund will be accepted through Monday, Nov. 9. To apply, go to [Colorado.gov/ag](https://colorado.gov/ag).

Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners

[Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency](#) (extended to midnight on Nov. 4)

Current Public Health Orders

[Chaffee County Amended Public Health Order 10.6.20](#) (will expire at midnight on Nov. 4)

[Executive Order on Masks.10.11.20](#) (will expire 30 days from Oct. 11)

[Colorado's Public Health Order regarding the Safer at Home Dial](#) (amended 10.8.20)

The Safer At Home Public Health Order was recently updated to reflect last call and higher education guidance.

Changes to the order include:

- Last call for takeout alcohol purchases is no longer 11 p.m., but is tied to the county's dial level.
- More specificity around requirements for colleges and universities regarding screening for COVID-19, reporting cases and outbreaks, and implementing quarantine and isolation in congregate student housing.
- Clarification that P-12 educational institutions and child care centers must follow outbreak guidance.

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