



GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Guidance Regarding the Hosting, Postponement or Cancellation of Local Public Events and Gatherings.

GRAND COUNTY – In response to numerous inquiries from the public, Grand County Public Health is issuing this guidance document regarding the hosting, postponement or cancellation of local public events and gatherings.

As of 12:00 PM on March 13, 2020, Colorado currently has 72 cases of COVID-19 and community spread is evident.

Grand County does not have any cases of COVID-19 at this time. Colorado state and local public health agencies are working to limit and slow potential spread of this disease, and all Coloradans can help. As on March 12th, Senior Nutrition meals are being suspended to help keep our most vulnerable residents as healthy and safe as possible. If you are in need of food assistance, please contact Grand County Senior Nutrition at 970-725-3288 and we will see what options are available for you.

Per the statement by Governor Polis on March 13th please plan to postpone events that will have an attendance of more than 250 people.

As of 11:30 AM Thursday, March 12th, There have been no presumptive positive cases of Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) in Grand County, Colorado.

With confirmed disease activity in nearby counties in Colorado, Grand County Public Health is encouraging local organizations to take COVID-19 transmission prevention into account when planning or hosting community gatherings. However, at this time, each individual organization should make its own final decision that best suits its particular circumstances and attendees.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING AN EVENT

Grand County Public Health recommends the public to review the [CDC's Guidance on Events and Gatherings](#). In addition to the CDC guidance, Grand County Public Health is providing the below recommendations for hosting a community gathering. Please note that as the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve, Grand County Public Health guidance may change.

- Consider whether your event is either targeted to or will likely draw guests who are 60 years of age or older and/or people who may have underlying health conditions. Direct communication with these high-risk populations is strongly recommended in advance of your event (see below). If COVID-19 begins to spread in Grand County, at-risk individuals should stay home as much as possible, in order to avoid contact with other people.
- Be proactive with messaging to event attendees before and during the event. The following recommended language may be helpful in advance of an event:
 - If you are sick, do not attend. Stay home.
 - If you are already attending and begin to feel sick, remove yourself from the event and go home.

- If you are well and plan to attend, wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue and be proactive to do your part to reduce the spread of the virus.
 - If you are 60 years of age or older or have an underlying health condition (including heart disease, diabetes, chronic lung disease or cancer) and you contract COVID-19, you are at higher risk for severe illness and complications. In some cases, this can lead to death.
 - If you are 60 years of age or older or have underlying health conditions, you should strongly consider canceling your attendance. If you consider your attendance at the event to be essential, consult with your health care provider in advance for specific guidance. If COVID-19 begins to spread in Grand County, at-risk individuals should stay home as much as possible to avoid contact with other people.
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 - We are interested in hosting healthy and safe events. It is important that you understand your roles and responsibilities in reducing the spread of illness and protecting yourself.
 - This is our current guidance; it is subject to change.
 - We are working with local public health officials to stay abreast of the most current recommendations. We will provide any new guidance as quickly as possible as it becomes available.
- Direct prospective attendees to reliable sources of updated information. Event organizers can find the latest information from the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#).
 - At the event, provide signage about [hand washing and cough etiquette](#).
 - At the event, provide supplies like tissues, hand sanitizer or access to hand sinks, water, soap and paper towels to facilitate and encourage individual protective behaviors.
 - At the event, practice [routine cleaning and disinfection](#) of commonly touched surfaces.

Each event will have unique considerations related to preventive measures. For example, organizers of a business conference of 250 people would need to take different actions than would the coach of a ski team practicing outdoors. For recommendations and considerations, see the [CDC event guidance page](#). At some point, a decision to cancel or postpone a community event may need to be considered by either an event coordinator or the Public Health Department. Such a decision may be very difficult, but it may be recommended to control the virus if we see community spread in Grand County.

Grand County Public Health strongly urges members of the public to stay home if they are sick: Do not attend community events, do not go to work and limit public exposure to the greatest extent possible.

While following this advice, if any families or individuals need food, medication or other essential supplies, they should contact Grand County Public Health at 970-725-3288.

CO HELP is Colorado's call line for COVID-19. People who have general questions about COVID-19 can call CO HELP at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 for answers in many languages. Or email cohelpp@rmpdc.org for answers in English.

Please note that the Novel Coronavirus pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation, and all public health guidance is subject to change.

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