



Grand County Public Health

Providing Public Health, Home Care, & Senior Nutrition Services



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June 8 – Last weekend Grand County Public Health was notified of a COVID-19 outbreak among staff at the C Lazy U guest ranch. The nine individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 will be reflected on the State’s dashboard Wednesday.

The guest ranch has taken all necessary precautions to keep the outbreak contained: Affected staff have been placed in quarantine, and incoming guests have been notified. Ranch manager David Craig noted that 78 percent of the C Lazy U staff has been vaccinated; none of the individuals who recently tested positive had been vaccinated. The ranch is actively encouraging staff to get a COVID vaccination, and is providing for on-ranch vaccinations.

Grand County Public Health does not currently have a standing Public Health Order related to COVID-19, however, Grand County is following the State’s guidelines. The State amended its Public Health Order June 1 to define an “outbreak” for all situations that are not a healthcare or correctional facility as five or more positive cases from different households. Employee housing and camp cabins like those for C Lazy U staff are not considered households.

Grand County Public Health director Abbie Baker stated Tuesday that, while seeing a spike in numbers is disappointing – given the circumstances of the outbreak – it’s not a cause for concern.

“The ranch staff has been very receptive to quarantining to protect employees, ranch residents and guests,” Baker said. “While it was unfortunately a high number of infections, at this point, none of the individuals who tested positive have exhibited signs of severe illness or have needed to be hospitalized. And thanks to quick detection and action on the ranch’s part, they have been able to keep the spread of illness contained so far.”

Baker used the isolated outbreak to remind both residents and visitors of best COVID practices:

- Get a vaccination – the CDC confirms a vaccination is the single best way to ensure your avoidance of COVID-19
- Wearing a face covering indoors is strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals
- Maintain a 6-foot distance wherever possible – both indoors and outside
- Wash hands frequently and avoid touching your face

COVID-19 is considered a vaccine preventable disease. GCPH offers free COVID vaccinations at clinics throughout the County on a variety of days and times. To see the June clinic schedule and make an appointment, visit www.co.grand.co.us/vaccine.

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