



# Grand County

Colorado

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## COMMISSIONERS Corner

News & Updates from Grand County's  
Board of County Commissioners



*The photographer of this quintessential Grand County fall scene wanted to remain Anonymous.*

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Public Health / COVID Update

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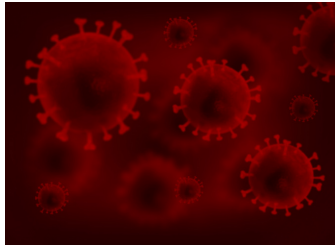
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ahead of Tuesday BOCC meetings at:  
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## PUBLIC HEALTH | COVID UPDATE



Grand County Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** provided a weekly COVID update, including that CDPHE will have a mobile testing site available in Grand County beginning October 18. Additional details will be provided once the contract is finalized.

While hospital capacity continues to be of concern, County transmission and case rates are dropping:

- 59 cases in the last 7 days; 163 in last 14 days
  - Averaging 13 cases per day since August 25
- One-week case rate: 375.37 / 100,000
- 36% of reported cases in the last week are pediatric (18 & under)
- 5 current hospitalizations

### Community Immunity

- 63.7% of eligible Grand County residents have been fully vaccinated
- 72.9% estimated community immunity with natural immunity included



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**Grand County Public Health is working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on new COVID case investigations.**

Contact tracing helps us control the spread of COVID-19 within our community, **AND** helps identify individuals who may need additional assistance during quarantine for things like:

- Getting groceries
- Getting pet food
- Getting to and from a doctor appointment
- Help with day-to-day activities

If you test positive for COVID-19, and receive a call from a non-local number, they should leave a message requesting a return call - and also identify themselves as someone working for CDPHE. Text messages are also commonly used for case investigation. **These are valid attempts to complete a positive case investigation and contact tracing.**

## MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer** provided the following updates:

- Letters to Coroner Brenda Bock, VSO Duane Dailey and Deputy Steve Hines recognizing their outstanding work and achievements were approved and signed.

County Attorney **Chris Leahy** gave an update regarding the Opioid Settlement.

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Weekly vouchers and wire payments were approved with no discussion.
- Human Services Director Deb Ruttenberg presented a letter from the State regarding an offer to accept Maintenance of Effort (MOE) relief for the Colorado Works program, which would reduce Grand County's local county fund obligation in 2021 from \$21,296 to \$15,984. Commissioners voted to accept the relief.
- Clerk & Recorder **Sara Rosene** asked for approval to reduce public hours for motor vehicle and driver's license services. The request was made due to current staffing levels that are making it difficult to serve the public, and for staff to complete statutory responsibilities without overtime. The request was approved.
  - Beginning Monday, October 11, motor vehicle and driver's license services will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m.
- Assistant County Manager **Micah Benson** presented an amended services contract with Western States Reclamation. The contract modification increases the land to be mulched in Area B by 6.4 acres. Like other EWP project expenses, the additional \$14,860.00 will be fully reimbursed. The contract amendment was approved.
- Housing Authority Operations Manager **Sheena Darland** presented an objection raised by Elevated Technologies to a services contract for the elevator and chair lift in Silver Spruce Apartments. The contract was approved with an amendment.
- Community Development Planner **Taylor Schlueter** presented Rock Creek Ranch's request for an outright exemption. The request was approved.

## 2022 BUDGET

*This week's BOCC meeting was short, and only included Departmental updates and Board Business in order to accommodate Budget Hearings.*

*The Board of County Commissioners conducted 2022 Budget Hearings and Deliberations October 4 through 6. **The BOCC extends their appreciation to the Finance Team and all Departments for their preparation and work on the 2022 Budget.***

*The Preliminary Budget Determination will be presented to the BOCC for approval October 19, followed by the Final Budget Determination, scheduled for November 9.*

**To view the preliminary budget details presented by Departments, and the budget schedule, visit:**  
[www.co.grand.co.us/1429/2022-Budget](http://www.co.grand.co.us/1429/2022-Budget)

## Attention: DMV Hours Changing

*Starting Monday, October 11, in-person Motor Vehicle Services in Hot Sulphur Springs will be available:*

**Monday through Friday  
8:30 a.m. to Noon &  
1 to 3 p.m.**

