



November 10, 2020

Roger Partridge, Chair
Abe Laydon, Commissioner
Lora Thomas, Commissioner
Douglas County Board of Commissioners
via email

John Douglas, Director
Tri-County Health Department
via email

RE: Douglas County COVID-19 Dial Level Change

Dear Commissioners and Director Douglas:

On October 29, 2020, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notified Douglas County and Tri-County Health Department that the county's incidence rates had exceeded COVID-19 Dial Level Blue (formerly Safer at Home Dial Level 1 under PHO 20-35) thresholds and as such, the county would be moved to COVID-19 Dial Level Yellow (formerly Safer at Home Dial Level 2 under PHO 20-35) to facilitate a gradual implementation of restrictions. At that time, the county's incidence rates were as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 235.54/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 6.23%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 828

As of today, the county's incidence rates are as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 529.99/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 10.65%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 1849

Given the increase in incidence rates in Douglas County and across the State, we have decided that the implementation of COVID-19 Dial Level Orange restrictions is suitable at this time. CDPHE also reserves the right to move the county to a more restrictive level at any point should circumstances warrant more aggressive sector restrictions.

The change from Level Yellow to Level Orange is effective Friday, November 13, 2020 at 5pm and the county should work to inform communities and stakeholders and ensure the transition

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is complete by then. This process will require the county to implement restrictions across all sectors as described in Section II.E of [Public Health Order 20-36](#), as amended.

Should the county restore metrics for a less restrictive level at any time during the more restrictive phase, the county would need to maintain those metrics for two weeks and complete the request process described [here](#).

I want to assure you that we appreciate the unique challenges facing Douglas County and commend you for your efforts and diligence. Stopping the spread of this persistent virus takes the cooperation of everyone consistently practicing good disease prevention strategies and your partnership has been critical. Thank you.

Lastly, if we can be a resource for you in any capacity, please let us know. We would be happy to consult with you on additional supports and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Hunsaker Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment