



November 17, 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 - Level Orange to Level Red

Dear Commissioners and Director Douglas:

On November 10th, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notified Douglas County and Tri-County Health Department that the county's incidence rates had exceeded the COVID-19 Dial Level Yellow thresholds and as such, the county would be moved to COVID-19 Dial Level Orange to facilitate a gradual implementation of restrictions. At that time, the county's incidence rates were as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 529.99/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 10.65%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 1,849

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

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 737.64/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 11.89%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 2,593

Given the increase in incidence rates in Douglas County and across the state, the implementation of COVID-19 Dial Level Red restrictions is more suitable at this time. We will re-evaluate Douglas County's COVID-19 metrics the week of December 18. Should transmission levels continue to escalate, we may revisit additional restrictions sooner, conversely if the trend is reversed, we can discuss moving the county back down the dial.

The change from Level Orange to Level Red is effective Friday, November 20, 2020 at 5pm and the county should work to inform communities and stakeholders and ensure the transition

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

Life-rite activities that are already scheduled for November 20-22, such as weddings or memorial services, may proceed as planned. Any future activities must conform to the new requirements.

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, please let us know. We would be happy to consult 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