



December 21, 2020

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

Dr. John Douglas, Director
Tri-County Public Health
via email

Jennifer Ludwig, Deputy Director
Tri-County Public Health
via email

RE: Douglas County 5 Star Business Certification Program

Dear Commissioners, Director Douglas, and Deputy Director Ludwig:

Thank you for your application for the 5 Star State Certification Program on behalf of Douglas County to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The county's program to certify all qualified businesses under the 5 Star State Certification program is approved, contingent on the county's ability to meet the declining or stable hospitalization metric.

Currently, Douglas County meets the incidence rate and percent positivity metric criteria for this program, but has only sustained 9 out of the 10 days required for declining or stable hospitalizations in the last two weeks. Once the county meets 10 days of declining or stable hospitalizations, CDPHE will confirm with you that the program is approved to proceed with certification as outlined in the application and in accordance with the conditions described below:

- The administrative committee must report weekly updates to Tri-County Public Health and CDPHE that include the following:
 - New [certifications](#) granted to businesses,
 - Any [warnings](#) issued to certified businesses, and
 - If any certifications have been [revoked](#).
- A business may only receive one warning for non-compliance with certification requirements, and the committee must remove certification for a business that demonstrates noncompliance a second time.



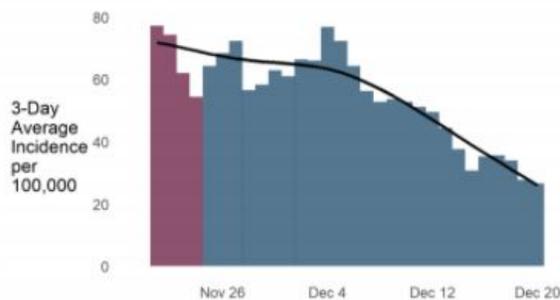
- All 5 Star business complaints are required to be filed with CDPHE [here](#); please update your internal processes and any materials such as flyers or website information to reflect this requirement. Complaints received by Tri-County Public Health or any other organization within the administrative committee will need to be redirected to this site as well.

Please reach out to Elle Child at michelle.child@state.co.us for additional information regarding the reporting requirements of this program.

This approval to operate a 5 Star State Certification Program is granted based on the facts and circumstances as you have described them in your application, as well as the disease metric criteria illustrated in the graphs below:

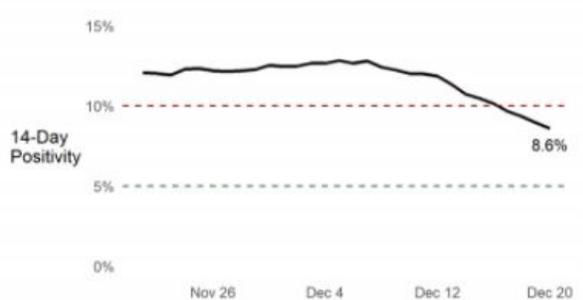
INCIDENCE

14 days of the last 14 (Dec. 7 through Dec. 20) are in a sustained decline.



PERCENT POSITIVITY

Douglas county's two-week positivity from Dec. 7 through Dec. 20 is 8.6%.

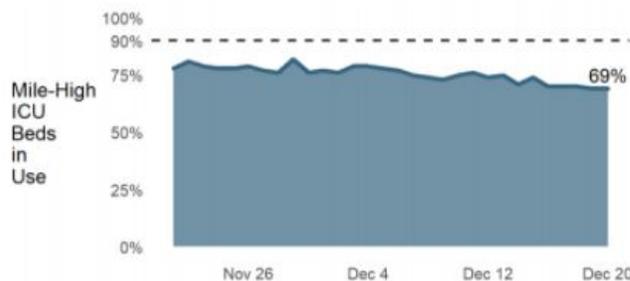


Incidence categories are based on the direction and magnitude of change in incidence. For more detail, see the 'Incidence and Epidemic Curve' page from covid19.colorado.gov/data.

14-day positivity is calculated by dividing the number of people with a positive diagnostic test per day by the total number of people receiving a diagnostic test per day in the past 14 days.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

69% of ICU beds in the Mile-High region are currently in use. There have been 9 days of declining or stable new hospital admissions of Douglas county residents in the past two weeks.



This approval is subject to further modification as deemed appropriate by CDPHE. Additionally, if Douglas County sees a significant rise in cases, percent positivity, or



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hospitalizations, CDPHE may suspend the program certification. The program is automatically suspended if the ICU hospital capacity reaches 90% in either the county or the Regional Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Services Advisory Committee area in which the county participates.

I appreciate your partnership during these challenging times, and wish your community all the best in your continuing efforts to ensure residents are safe and healthy while continuing to support your local businesses as we deal with this global pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Hause', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ann Hause
Director, Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance

CC: Megan Davisson
Douglas County 5 Star State Certification Program Administrative Committee
via email