

COVID-19 Updates

Colorado Department of
Health Care Policy & Financing

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Overview

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC) Update

- Julie Reiskin, Executive Director, CCDC

COVID-19 Update

- Dr. Lisa Latts, Chief Medical Officer, HCPF

Executive Director Update

- Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director, HCPF

NEMT

Strike Force Update

New Guidance

Resources

- Bonnie Silva, Office of Community Living Director, HCPF

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition

www.ccdonline.org
covid@ccdonline.org

Weekly Webinars and chat spaces
Opportunities for engagement
Individual Advocacy including appeals

Happy Birthday ADA

JOIN US on Sunday, July 26 at 11:00 am MST

This virtual event will include closed captioning and commentary with ASL interpretation.

PRE-REGISTER HERE:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZclcemqqzgoG9Hh_XAsdazArHNc9X-luFe0



What can you do?

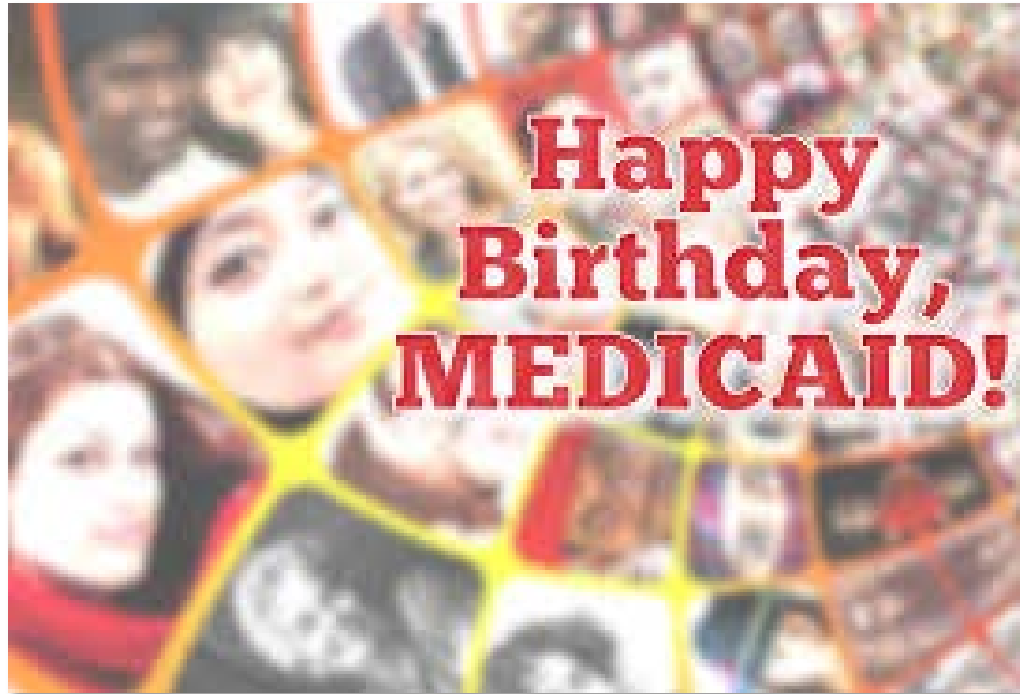
Olmstead -

- Right to live in the community in the most integrated setting appropriate for the needs of the individual
- Enforces title 2 of the ADA and applies to ALL programs of state and local government



7/24/2020

Also Happy Birthday to Medicaid



- *Medical care*
- *HCBS*
- *CDASS/IHSS*
- *Transportation*
- *DME/AT*
- *Respite*
- *Day Program*
- *Therapies*
- *Medications*
- *Dental*

Action Steps

We have an election coming up!

If we want Medicaid to be there for age 56, and even 60 or beyond we MUST elect leaders at ALL LEVELS that support Medicaid.

- [Congressman John Lewis on the ADA](#)
- How will you support Medicaid?
- Will you support an increased federal financial commitment, especially in times of crisis?
- Will you oppose any reduction of eligibility or benefits?
- Do you understand how much Medicaid helps Colorado - not only health wise but fiscally.

COVID Updates

Dr. Lisa Latts, Chief Medical Officer

COVID-19 in Colorado

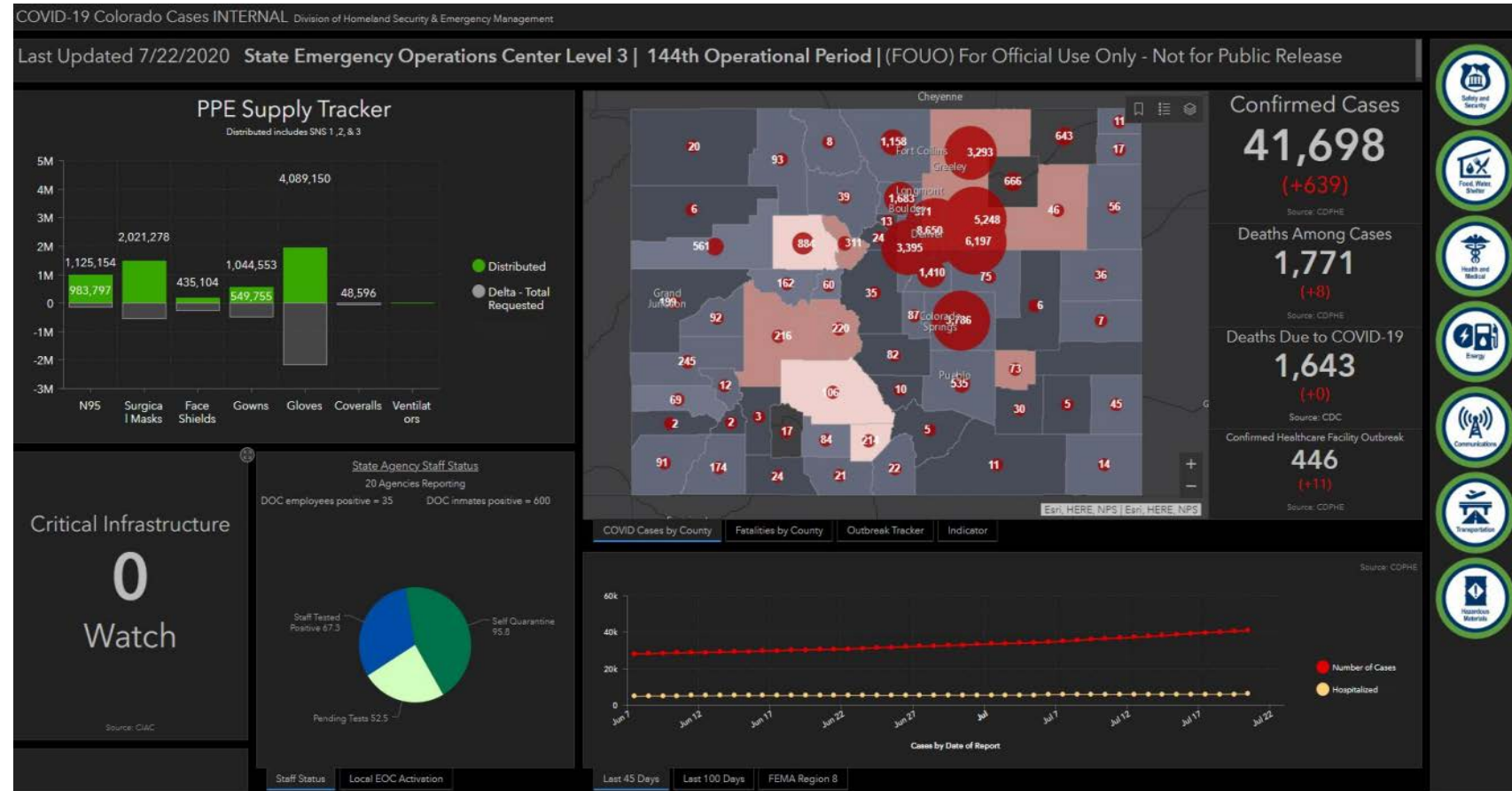
COVID-19 Cases in Colorado

CDPHE updates:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/>

Positive Cases	41,698
People tested	462,275
Deaths among cases	1,771
Deaths due to COVID-19	1,643

Updated July 22, 4:00 p.m.

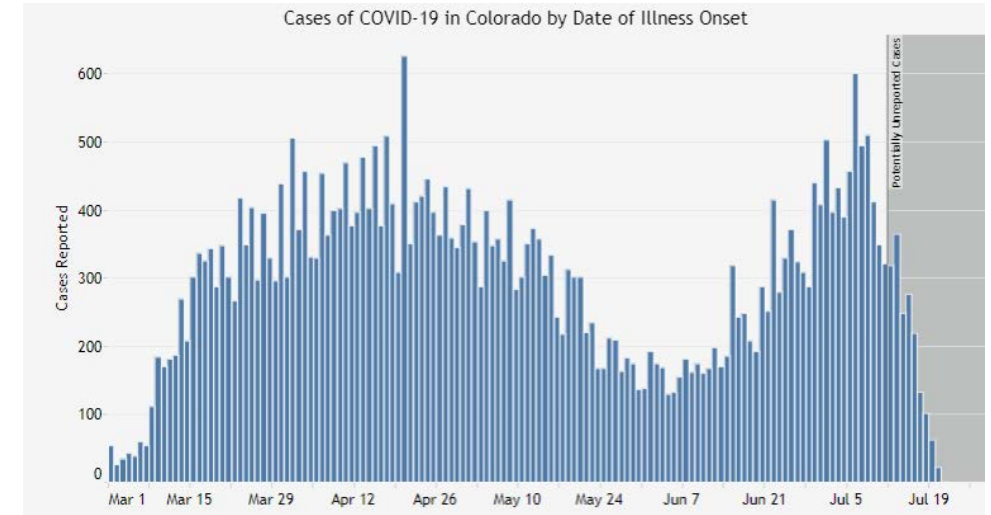


COVID Cases are Rising

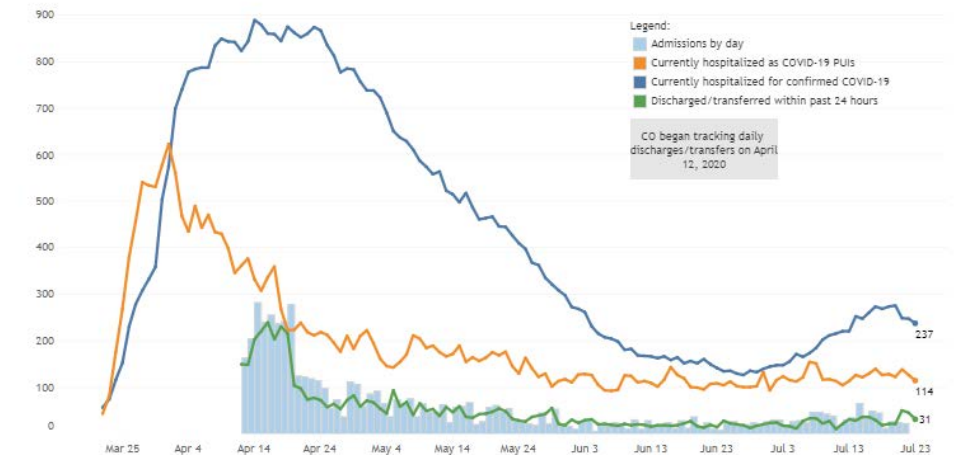


TOTAL CASES
4.0 million+
DEATHS
143,722
Includes confirmed and probable cases where available

- Lab testing increasing - 11-12k tests done daily in CO - but backing up
- Positive rate trending up ~5-6%
- Mortality rate declining

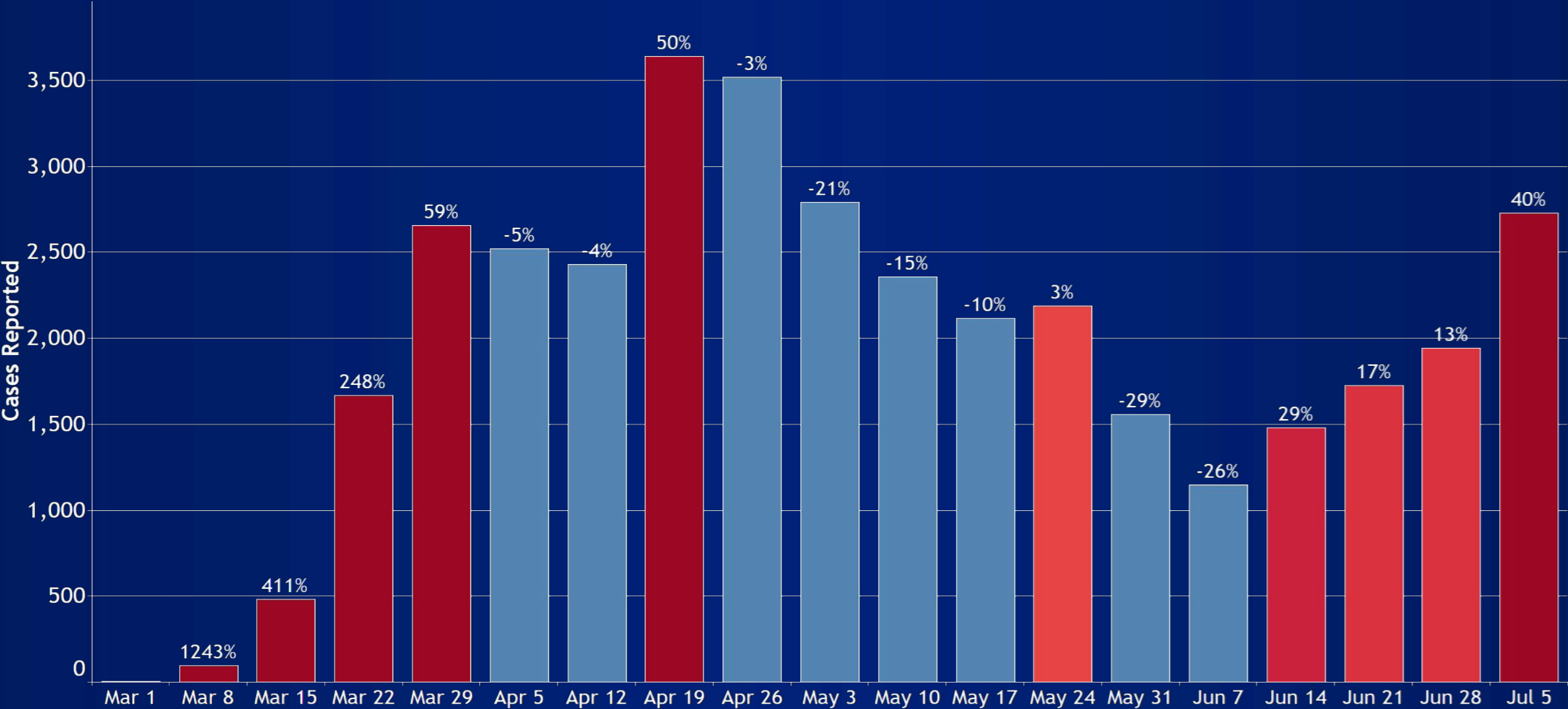


COVID-19 hospital patients

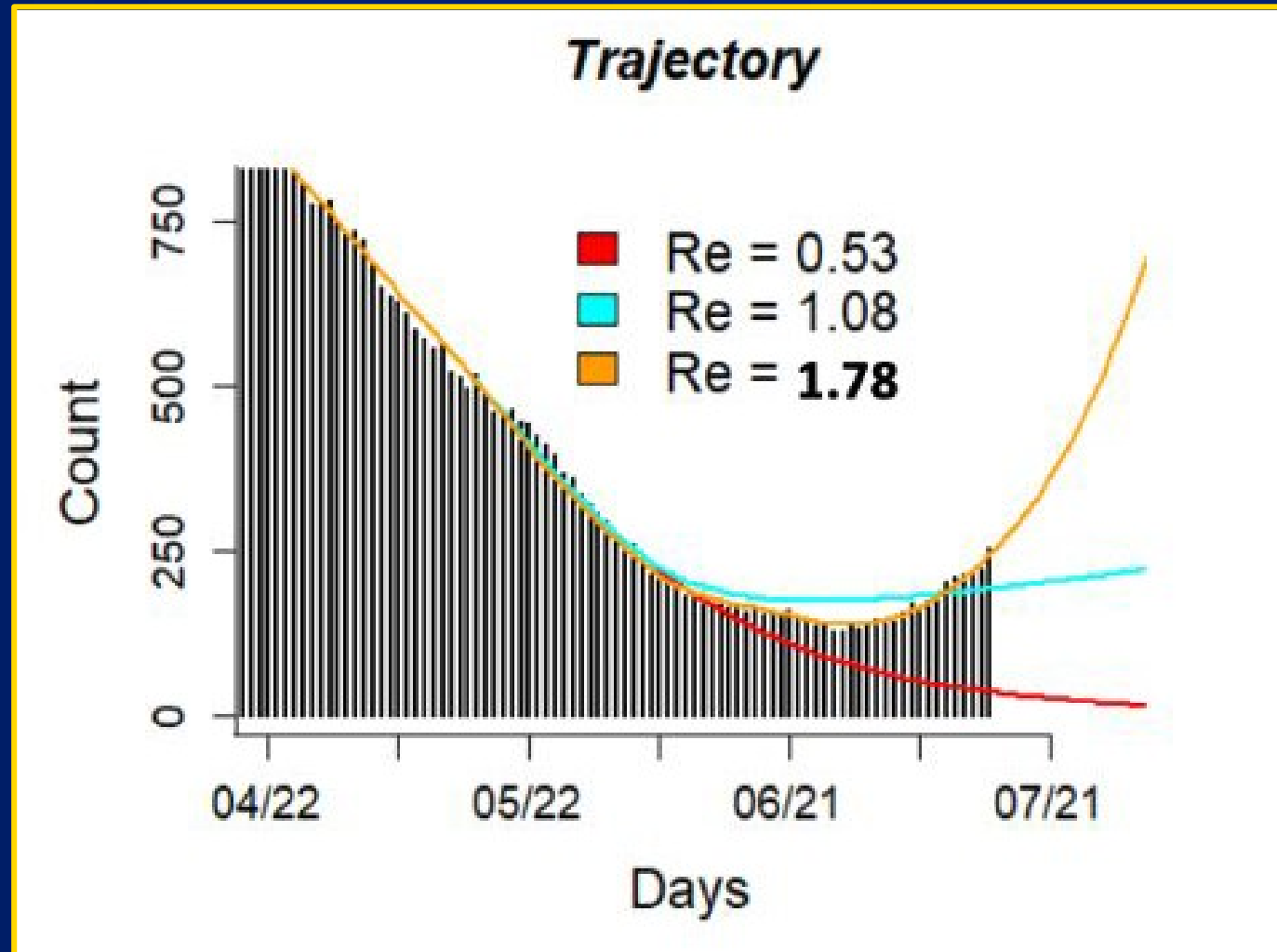


*calculated from [(currently hospitalized) - (previous day's hospitalized) - discharges - deaths]

WEEKLY CASES AND PERCENT CHANGE



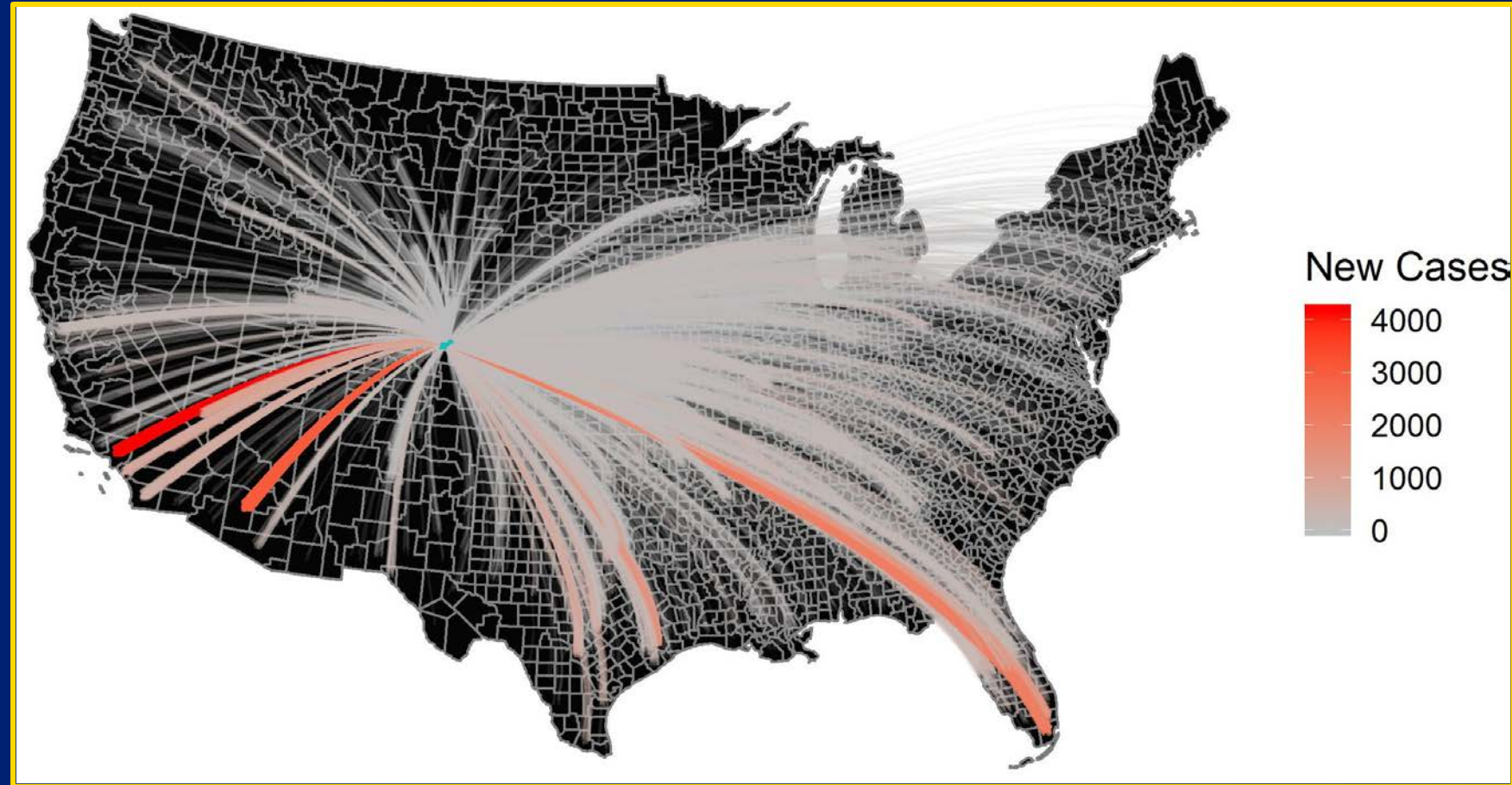
MODEL BASED ON OBSERVED HOSPITALIZATIONS



RISK FROM OUT-OF-STATE VISITORS

Sustained risk from
infectious people
traveling to CO

May undercount
infectious contacts so
model overcorrects



Out-of-state visits to: Denver County

FACTORS DRIVING RAPID INCREASE

- Increased contact rates among people in Colorado due to changes in policies and/or behavior
- Increased out of household contact rates among younger populations that spread to older populations
- Importation of cases from outside of Colorado and contact between visitors and residents that lead to infections
- Random chance - These projections are sensitive to what has happened in the last few weeks - but because the change is so large, random variation is unlikely to account for all of the change

Protect Our Neighbors



Level 1: Stay at Home

Everyone was required to stay at home except for grocery shopping, exercise and necessary activities. Only critical businesses were open.



Level 2: Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors

While we are all still safer at home, we are also able to practice greater social distancing in our great outdoors than in confined indoor spaces.



Level 3: Protect Our Neighbors

Local public health agencies have the ability to contain surges in cases and outbreaks through testing, case investigation, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, site-specific closures, and the enforcement of public health orders.

CDC Changes to Case Definition

- *Fever or chills*
- *Cough*
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*
- *Fatigue*
- *Muscle or body aches*

- 96% of symptomatic patients have one of these
- 45% have all three

- *Headache*
- *New loss of taste or smell*
- *Sore throat*
- *Congestion or runny nose*
- *Nausea or vomiting*
- *Diarrhea*

Only symptoms specific for CoV-2

half of patients report GI symptoms

Updated Recommendations for Discontinuation of Isolation and Precautions

Duration of isolation and precautions

- For most persons, can be discontinued 10 days *after symptom onset** and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours with improving other symptoms
- For a limited number of persons with severe illness, may want to consider extending up to 20 days; consult infection control experts

Role of PCR testing to discontinue isolation or precautions

- Consider for severely immunocompromised, consult infectious diseases expert
- *For all others, a no longer recommended (except to discontinue isolation or precautions earlier 10 days)*

* For persons who never develop symptoms, use *date of their first positive RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 RNA*

Prevention

- Exposures Before Issuance of Stay-at-Home Orders Among Persons with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19. 73% did not have known contact with someone infected with COVID-19. Of those:
 - 30% reported contact with a person they knew who had fever or respiratory symptoms
 - 44% had attended a gathering of >10 persons
 - 29% had traveled domestically
 - 28% worked in a health care setting
 - 23% had visited visiting a health care setting not as a health care worker
 - 22% had used public transportation
- More evidence supporting value of wearing masks when out in public
- Turn up your computer audio to hear the video:
 - https://youtu.be/zOub_oMD0cc

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

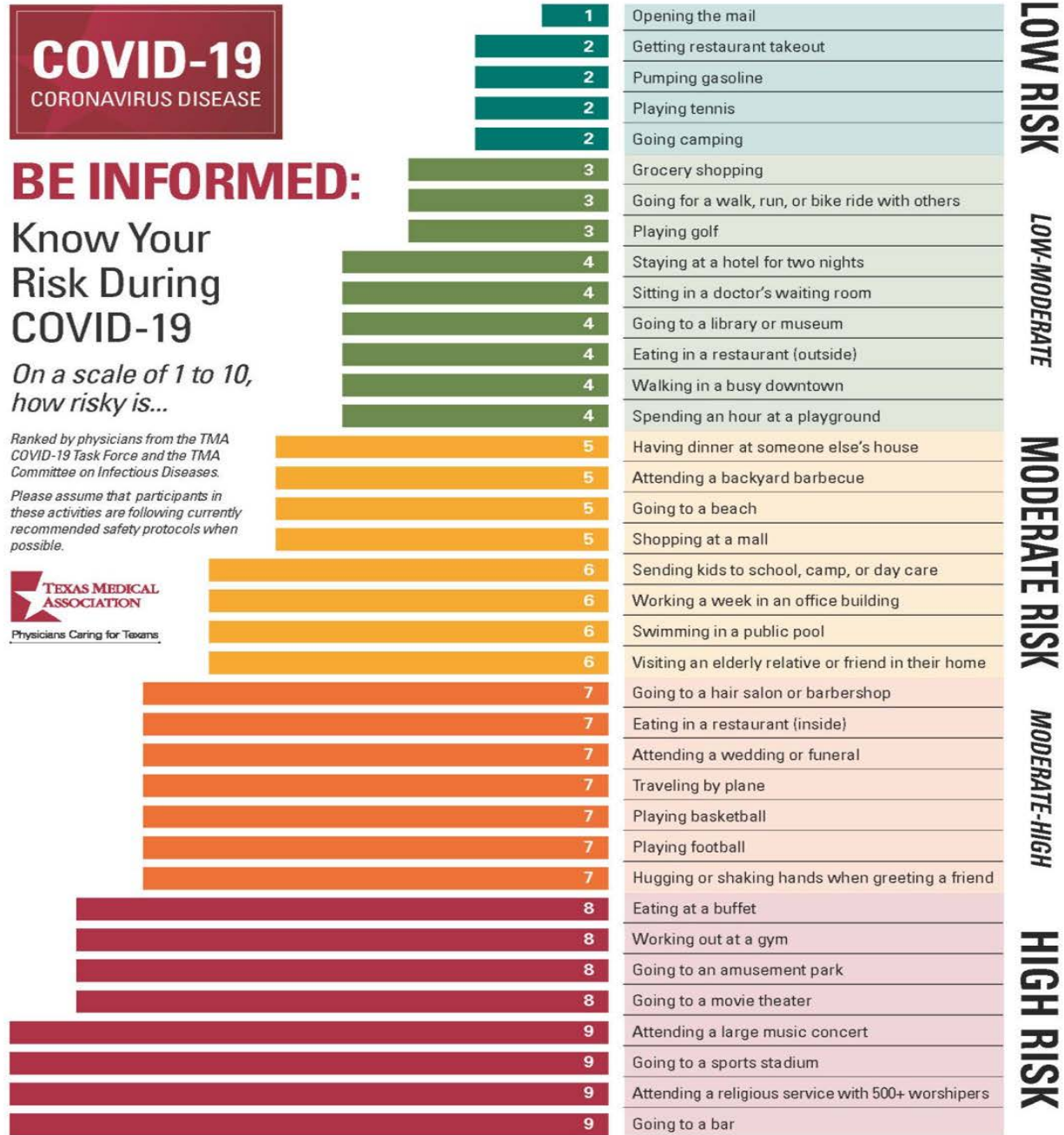
BE INFORMED:

Know Your Risk During COVID-19

On a scale of 1 to 10, how risky is...

Ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols when possible.



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Executive Director Update

Colorado's Unemployment Rate Increase

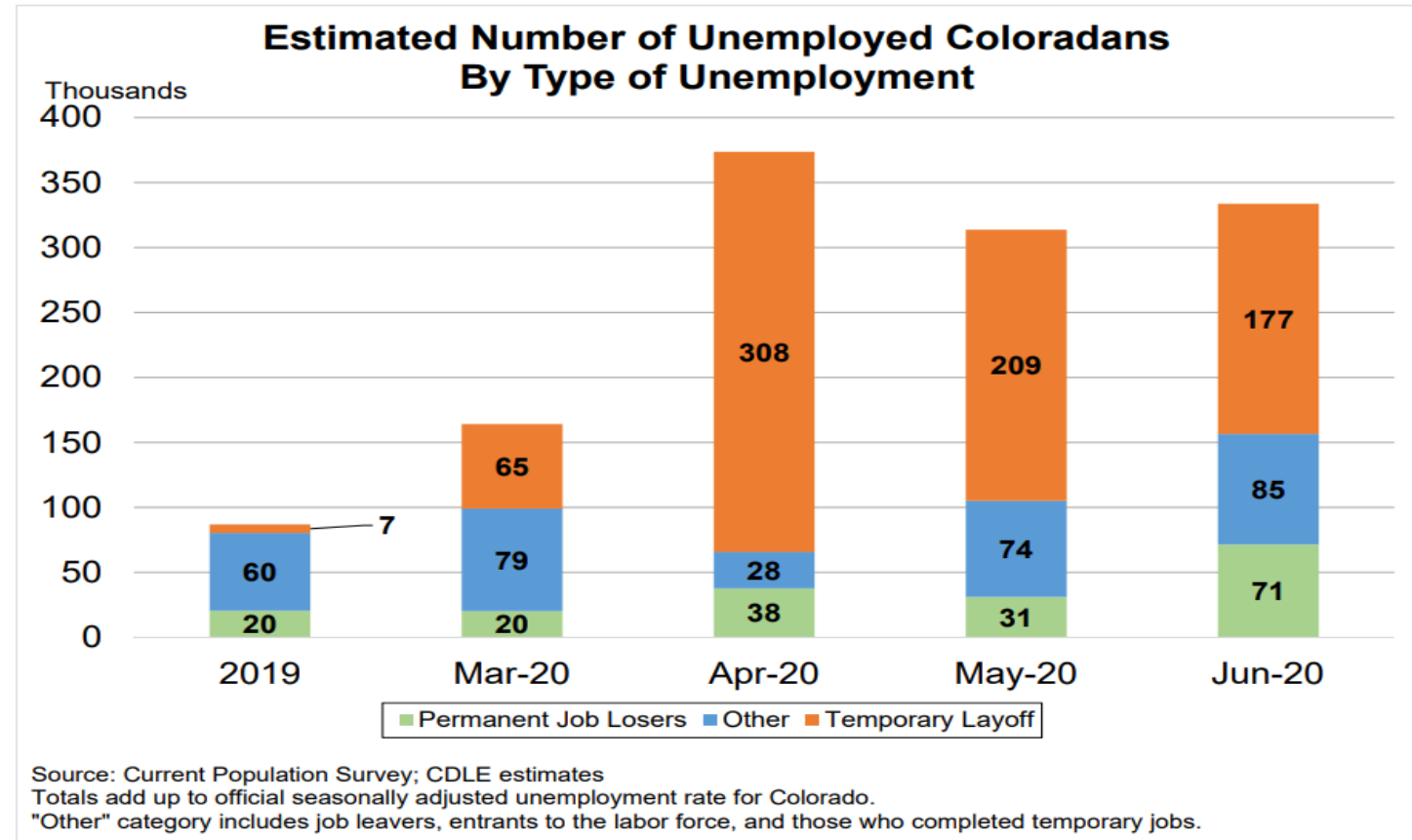
February: 2.5%

March: 5.2%

April: 11.3%

May: 10.2%

June: 10.5%



> 500k Coloradans filed initial unemployment claims since mid-March; 376k filed in June

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

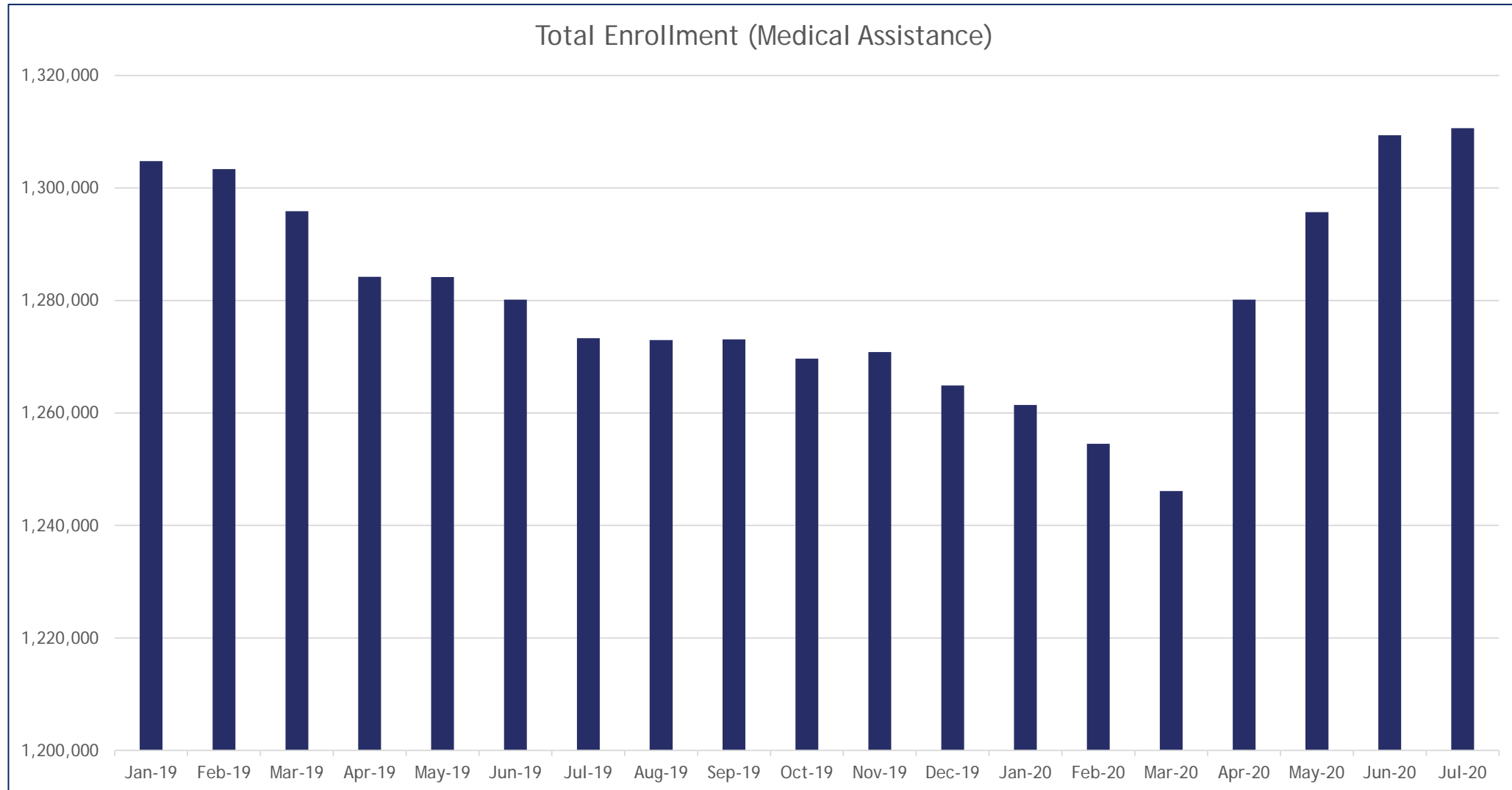
Unemployment benefits & Medicaid Eligibility

- Benefits are approximately 55 percent of a person's average weekly wage over a 12-month time period. Estimate your potential payments. The maximum benefit amount available is \$618 per week.
- The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program, adds \$600 in additional unemployment benefits each week, expires the week ending **July 25, 2020**
- CO minimum wage is \$11.10/hour; Denver is \$12.85
- CO average individual income in 2019 was \$68,811 or \$33.08/hour
- Highest amount of UI an individual can earn w/o FPUC (\$618/week) is \$32,136 or \$15.45/hour
- Highest amount of UI an individual can earn with FPUC (\$1218/week) is \$63,336 or \$30.45/hour

Working Annual Income/ Hourly Wage	Unemployment Annual Income/ Hourly Wage (without FPUC)*	Medicaid Eligibility Annual Income/ Hourly wage	CHP+ Medicaid Eligibility Annual Income/ Hourly wage
\$23,088 annual/ \$11.10 hourly (Colorado Minimum Wage 2019)	Equates to \$13,832 annual/ \$6.65 hourly	Individual : \$16,980 annual/\$8.16 hourly	Individual: \$33,180 / \$15.95 Family of 2: \$44,832/ \$21.55 Family of 3: \$56,472 /\$27.15 Family of 4: \$68,124 / \$32.75 Family of 5: \$79,776/ \$38.35 Family of 6: \$91,416 /\$43.95 Family of 7: \$103,068/ \$49.55 Family of 8: \$114,720/ \$55.15 Family of 9: \$126,360/ \$60.75 Family of 10: \$138,012/ \$66.35
\$31,200 annual/\$15 hourly	Equates to \$18,720 annual/ \$9.00 hourly	Family of 2: \$22,932 annual/ \$11.05 hourly	
\$41,600 annual/ \$20 hourly	Equate to \$24,960 annual/ \$12 hourly	Family of 3: \$28,896 annual/ \$13.89 hourly	
\$68,811 annual/ \$33.08 hourly (avg. individual Coloradan income)	\$32,136/ \$15.45 (estimator is \$649 weekly, max benefit is \$618 weekly)	Family of 4: \$34,848 annual/ \$16.75 hourly	

*Based on estimates from the Colorado Dept. of Labor and Employment, Colorado Internet Unemployment Claims System

Medicaid & CHP+ Enrollment



Continuous Enrollment Impact through 7/14/2020

	New Members 2020	Disenrolled Members 2020	Locked-in (disenrolled)	Locked-in (lower category)	Net Change in enrollment	Total enrollment (MA) 2020	COVID-19 Testing Only
January	34,753	38,223	0	0		1,261,425	
February	26,943	33,824	0	0	-6,881	1,254,544	
March	32,709	41,127	0	0	-8,418	1,246,126	
April	39,298	5,252	49,116	4,559	34,046	1,280,172	139
May	23,030	7,477	50,916	8,405	15,553	1,295,725	155
June	19,736	6,812	38,963	8,137	13,663	1,309,388	139
July	8,656	6,425	46,228	11,162	6,597	1,315,985	99

New Member: Members who started receiving MA benefits in that month, and who were not eligible the previous month

Disenrolled: Members who terminated as of the end of previous month (Members are locked in the first of the month after their benefits would have ended)

Locked-in (disenrolled): Members who would have been disenrolled at the end of the previous month, but were locked-in their MA benefit due to Continuous Eligibility

Locked-in (lower category): Members who would have switched to a lower MA benefit, but were locked in due to Continuous Eligibility

Net Change: Net change in Total Enrollment compared to previous month

Total Enrollment (MA): Total unique members eligible and receiving Medical Assistance benefits

COVID-19 Testing Only: Members eligible for COVID-19 testing benefit only. NOTE: April includes March numbers

Public Health Emergency (PHE) End Date Timeline

- Public Health Emergency officially renewed on July 23 (it was set to expire July 25, 2020)
- New PHE End Date is 10/23/2020; could be extended again
- Seeking greater “notice time” from CMS, *along with many states across the US*
 - We need to plan for October end date, but ready ourselves for another extension for continuous coverage
- SPAs, 1135 Waivers, and Optional Uninsured Testing Group end on PHE end date
- Continuous Medicaid Coverage ends at the **end of the month** in which the PHE ends
 - Dept. and County Partners will need to notice members and time to properly disenroll members - *on top of their daily workload*
- Maintenance of Effort (MOE - Eligibility Levels & Benefits remain the same) & increased Enhanced 6.2% FMAP end at the **end of the quarter** in which PHE ends
- Appendix K currently ends 1/26/2021, impacting HCBS

Example Scenarios

- ❑ Extending or Ending the Public Health Emergency is Federal Government's decision. They can extend for up to 90 days at a time.
- ❑ States have asked CMS, HHS for at least 2-months notice prior to allowing the Public Health Emergency to end, but they may not comply

If Public Health Emergency Ends...	Then SPAs, 1135 Waivers, and Optional Uninsured Testing Group Ends	Then Continuous Coverage Requirement Ends	Then MOE Requirement keep Eligibility Levels & Benefits the Same and Enhanced 6.2% FMAP Ends
October 23, 2020	October 23, 2020	October 31, 2020	December 31, 2020
January 21, 2021	January 21, 2021	January 31, 2021	March 31, 2021

We have a **very small window** to turn this around
and save lives and prevent damage to our economy

Every Coloradan older than 10 will be required to
wear a mask or face cover in all indoor spaces

Under the Safer at Home stage, which we are still under, **older
Coloradans and at-risk folks should still be staying at home**

Thank you for setting the example
and helping us communicate

Look for messaging that can be shared with your
networks/contacts

EXCEPTIONS



Eating at a food service establishment



Exercising alone



Receiving a service where the mask would interfere with the service like a facial or a beard trimming



Public safety personnel such as law enforcement, firefighters, or EMTs



Religious officiants



Speaking to a televised audience



Having to remove your mask for purposes of identification

Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT)

Statewide Vendor Transition

[Memo Link: OM 20-074](#)

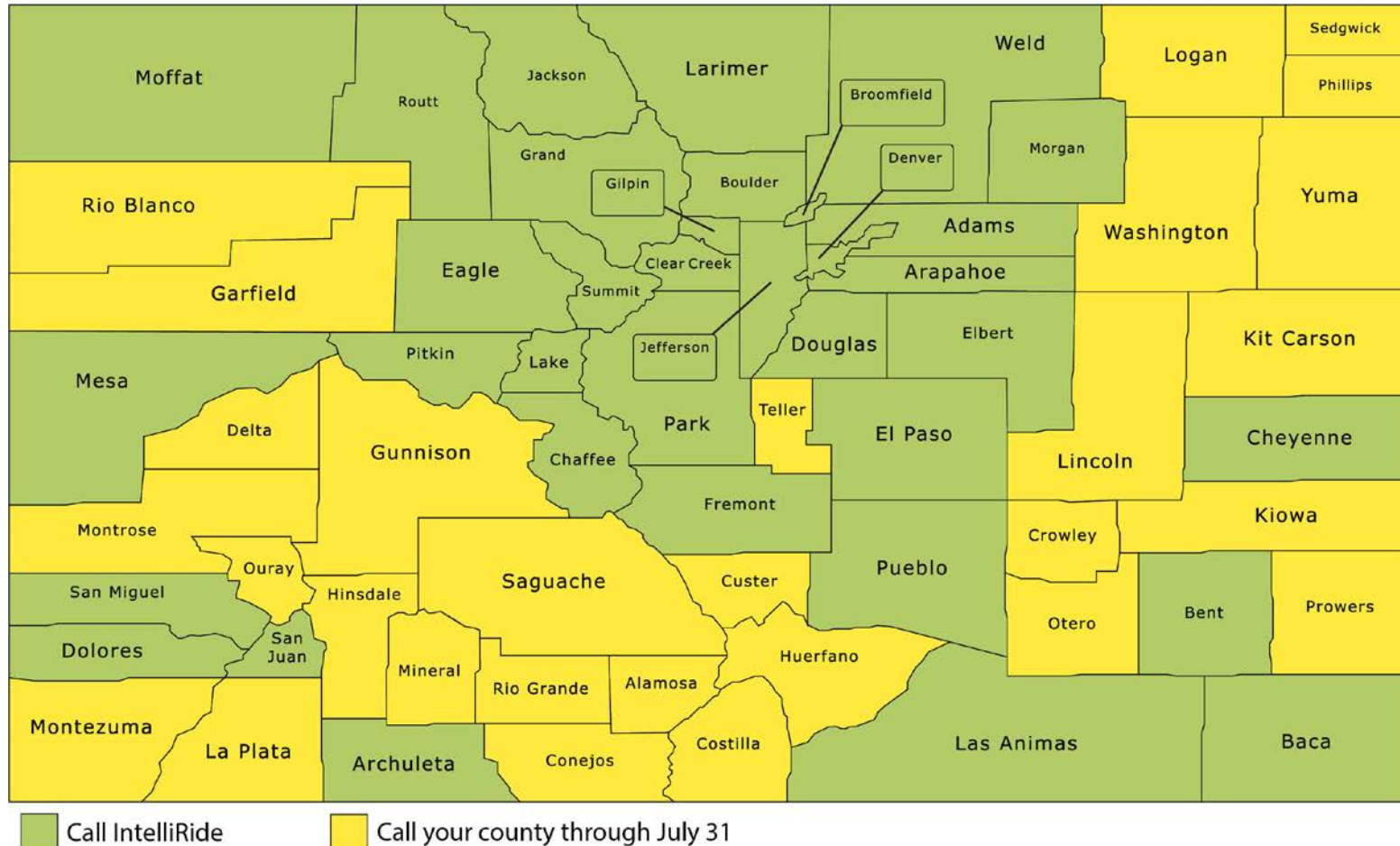
NEMT is a benefit the Department provides to Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) members to get to their medical appointments

Members who qualify can get a ride to their medical appointments if they don't have other transportation. Most members qualify.

Health First Colorado works with transportation provider IntelliRide and county health and human services offices to connect members with rides.

Schedule a ride online or call two days before your appointment

- Members in **counties shaded in green** should call IntelliRide to schedule a trip
- Members in **counties shaded in yellow** should continue to contact their county



What members need to know:

- Visit HealthFirstColorado.com/nemt to determine who to call
- Find links to IntelliRide's online scheduling and contact information:

Book online at gointelliride.com/colorado

Or call IntelliRide at 1-855-489-4999 or
303-398-2155 (State Relay: 711)

What providers need to know:

- No matter where a member lives, **all previously scheduled trips will be transferred to IntelliRide**
 - If members want to confirm their trips are scheduled, they can call IntelliRide a week before the scheduled appointment
 - *Please help us avoid long wait times for customers who have immediate trip needs by avoiding calling just to verify a trip that is more than a week out*
- All mileage reimbursements for trips after July 1 should be submitted to IntelliRide regardless of when your county is transitioning
 - Visit HealthFirstColorado.com/nemt for more information

NEMT Contact Info

For more information visit:
HealthFirstColorado.com/nemt

Email us with questions at:
NEMT@state.co.us

Strike Force Update

- Surveillance testing continues to be a top priority
 - To date the State has distributed nearly 135,000 tests to residential care settings
 - Seeking opportunities to continue to expand capacity
- EM Resource
 - # NFs using EM Resource: 108
 - Proportion NFs using EM Resource: 46.7%
 - #of ALRs Utilizing EM Resource: 79 (same)
 - Proportion ALRs using EM Resource: 11%

Strike Force Update

Resident Well-Being

- Sixth workstream dedicated to identifying and implementing practices to improve overall health and wellbeing
- New group of leading experts and Gerontologists has been formed to identify ways to implement strategies to attend to resident's overall well-being
- In particular, will be examining ways to reduce social isolation while still keeping residents and staff safe

Strike Force Update

Visitation

- Outdoor visitation guidance released several weeks ago
 - Facilities have been developing their own policies and procedures for implementing the guidance
- An FAQ document further detailing allowable visitation is currently being drafted
 - This document will help clarify entry by the Ombudsman, APS workers, and visits for compassionate care purposes
- Continue to evaluate the feasibility of phased indoor visitation

Strike Force Update

ConnectToCareJobs Site

- Registered as of July 22: 707 job seekers, 67 employers (additional 49 pre-registered)
- New Colorado-specific [webpage](#) created
- Email went out to Residential Care Settings July 22 again inviting them again to register
 - Day Programs added
 - User acceptability testing underway for home care and home health

New CMS Nursing Home Resources

[CMS announced on July 22](#) several new initiatives designed to protect nursing home residents from COVID-19

- **New Funding**

- \$5 billion of the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) to Medicare-certified long term care facilities and state veterans' homes

- **Enhanced Testing**

- CMS to begin requiring that all nursing homes in states with a 5% positivity rate or greater test all nursing home staff each week
- More than 15,000 testing devices will be deployed over the next few months to help support this mandate, with over 600 devices shipping this week

- **Additional Technical Assistance & Support**

- Federal Task Force Strike Teams to provide onsite technical assistance to nursing homes experiencing outbreaks

- New online Nursing Home COVID-19 Training focused on infection control and best practices
- The training is a requirement for nursing homes to receive the additional funding from the PRF

- **Weekly Data on High Risk Nursing Homes**

- In May, CMS and CDC began collecting weekly data on each nursing home including their number of COVID-19 cases
- White House and CMS will release a list of nursing homes with an increase in cases that will be sent to states each week as part of the weekly Governor's report to ensure states have the information needed to target their support to the highest risk nursing homes

New Guidance Issued



OM 20-072

OM 20-075

OM 20-076

All COVID-19 related Memos can be found here: www.colorado.gov/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-covid-19-response

OM 20-072

TITLE: OPERATIONAL INFORMATION FOR HCBS RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO COVID19 AND THE PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS ORDER [Supersedes OM 20-035]

Under Protect Our Neighbors, communities may permit activities at 50% of pre-pandemic capacity, with at least 6 feet between non-household members, and no more than 500 people in one setting at a time.

Different communities will be at different phases, based on local conditions and capabilities, and the state may change phases as well. All variances by county are updated on [CDPHE's website here](#). Please pay close attention to which phase the state and your community is in and follow guidelines.

During all phases, residential settings can continue to be vigilant in reducing the risk of exposure to members by:

- Following the Stay-at-Home recommendations for members that are considered part of the "Vulnerable Population", which means only leaving home for medical care and essential activities
- Avoiding communal dining.
- Performing active health screens for all residents.
- Avoiding any congregating within the setting.
- Limiting visitation to only necessary or essential visits as outlined in [CDPHE's latest Public Health Order](#)
- Completing required health screenings of all employees, contractors, and essential individuals prior to entering the premises

[Link: OM 20-072](#)

OM 20-075

TITLE: UPDATED CASE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONAL CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
[Supersedes OM 20-034]

- Effective March 11, 2020, CMAs were instructed to perform initial, continued stay review, Supports Intensity Scale (SIS), Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) assessments, and routine monitoring contacts by telephone or another electronic modality.
- This memo has been updated to remove the requirement for the case manager to see the member face to face at the next six-month contact following a virtual assessment.
- As a reminder:
 - Case managers should utilize electronic video (such as Apple FaceTime or Zoom) to complete any contact or assessment unless the member only has the option to use a telephone.
 - For nonroutine contacts that may require face to face contact, such as performing an investigation into a member's health and welfare, the CMA must follow COVID-19 precautions

[Link: OM 20-075](#)

OM 20-076

TITLE: CASE MANAGEMENT AGENCY MEMBER IN-PERSON REQUIREMENTS AND RURAL TRAVEL ADD-ON

- In-Person requirements for SEPs and CCBs that went into effect July 1, 2020 are to be conducted via by telephone or another electronic modality due to COVID-19 as outlined in [Operational Memo 20-075](#) for eligible members enrolled in one of the 10 HCBS waivers, the State SLS program, and the OBRA-SS program
- During the temporary COVID-19 period, the case manager will enter the contacts as outlined in the [Single Entry Point Rate Technical Guide and the Community Centered Board Technical Guide](#).
 1. Enter the contact in the log note section of the Benefit Utilization System.
 2. Answer “yes” to the question, “Did this contact take place Face to Face?”. This will allow the Department to pay services that are temporarily provided virtually.
 3. Indicate in the log note text section that the In-Person Monitoring was performed through alternative methods to ensure health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The case manager will indicate how the contact was performed in the documentation narrative.

Due to these temporary changes requiring In-Person work to be conducted virtually, **the Department will not reimburse SEPs and CCBs for the Rural Travel Add-On** for assessments and monitoring performed by telephone or another electronic modality

[Link: OM 20-076](#)

Previous Guidance

Case Management Agencies

Operational Changes

- [OM 20-049](#)
- [OM 20-027](#)
- [OM 20-034](#)
- [OM 20-037](#)
- [OM 20-045](#)

PASRR Changes

- [OM 20-043](#)

Critical Incident Reporting for COVID-19

- [OM 20-044](#)

Level of Care Changes

- [OM 20-053](#)

Transition Coordination

- [OM 20-056](#)

Facilities and PACE

Infection Control And Prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes (CMS)

- [CMS QSO-20-14-NH](#)

Telemedicine in Nursing Facilities

- [OM 20-032](#)

Training & Certification

- [OM 20-038](#)

Rate Increase

- [OM 20-050](#)

Options Counseling

- [OM 20-054](#)

Stimulus Payments

- [OM 20-059](#)

Civil Money Penalty (CMP)

- [IM 20-021](#)

HCBS Providers

HCBS Therapy Services

- [OM 20-020](#)

Guidance for Class B Providers

- [OM 20-023](#)

Changes to Benefits & Services (Table)

- [OM 20-046](#)

Telemedicine

- [Temporary Policy](#)

Residential Guidance

- [OM 20-035](#)

Host Home Inspections

- [OM 20-036](#)

CDASS Sick Time

- [OM 20-047](#)

Changes to Benefits & Services Rates (Table)

- [OM 20-048](#)

Flexibility in Hiring

- [IM 20-019](#)

CC & SCC Clarifications

- [OM 20-060](#)

Additional Provider Relief Funds

- [IM 20-024](#)

Non-Medical Transportation

- [OM 20-063](#)

Retainer Payments Ending

- [OM 20-069](#)

Guidance for Reopening or Expanding Day Programs

- [OM 20-070](#)

All COVID-19 and LTSS related memos and FAQs can be found here:

www.colorado.gov/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-covid-19-response



New Questions?

Stay Engaged

Memos, Webinar Info, and FAQs - Updated Regularly

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Reminder: Personal Protective Equipment

If you or your organization are experiencing a shortage or outage of personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, gowns, etc.) to conduct essential or life saving functions during this crisis, please reach out to your **local emergency manager** or **local public health department**.

[Find Your Local Community Emergency Manager](#)
[Find Your Local Public Health Department](#)

To report issues in
obtaining PPE please
notify:

Sadie Martinez
Access and Functional Needs
Coordinator
Office of Emergency Management
720.610.1691
sadie.martinez@state.co.us

More Information



www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/



www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page



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Local Public Health Agencies

www.colorado.gov/cdphe/find-your-local-public-health-agency



www.colorado.gov/hcpf/COVID



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Resources from Others

- Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) released a [series of publications](#) on providing day and employment services during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Multicultural Council (MCC) released [COVID-19 Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Resources](#)
- [Video: Supporting Grayson's Family](#), includes key themes that are relevant to home visiting during the COVID-19 pandemic
- [Video: Una visita en el hogar con la familia de Liam \(A Home Visit with Liam's Family\)](#), Ohio occupational therapist Marta Gonzalez delivers an early intervention home visit during the COVID-19 pandemic, illustrating how home visits using video conferencing can continue to support children and their families (in Spanish with English sub-titles)

CDC Guidance for People with IDD

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has released COVID-19 guidance, with a primary focus on family members and caregivers who support people with developmental disabilities.

- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers](#)
- [Guidance for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers, Caregivers, Parents, and People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)
- [People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)

Here is a link to the CDC website:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/developmental-behavioral-disorders.html

Resources from Others

Emergency Response Desktop Suite (ERDS) Tool makes information more accessible and computers easier to use for people with IDD

- Provides accessible information about the coronavirus and how to stay well
- Empowers people with new ways to stay in touch with others
- Encourages people to connect with the community

ERDS offered at no cost to 500 Colorado adults with IDD in certain situations

- Visit www.colemaninstitute.org/covid-19/ and complete the engagement form
- If you have questions please contact Joelle Brouner at joelle.brouner@state.co.us or Shea Tanis at Shea.Tanis@cu.edu

Resources from Others

Recorded Webinar: Addressing Social Isolation Through Technology Solutions

Administration for Community Living (ACL) presented a webinar highlighting how technology can be leveraged to increase social engagement, including specific hardware and software options. Presenters identify resources for acquiring and distributing technology, as well as mechanisms for training older adults and adults with disabilities to use technology solutions designed to mitigate social isolation.

- [Recorded Webinar: Addressing Social Isolation Through Technology Solutions](#)
- [Webinar Transcript](#)
- [Webinar Slides](#)

Resources

Training for new CMS nursing home reporting requirements

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an [interim final rule](#) containing new nursing home requirements for reporting COVID-19 data, expected to begin May 8. Requirements include reporting information to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system and notification to residents, resident representatives, and families.
- Webinar training for the new LTCF COVID-19 Module for CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network is posted under the Training tab on their web page www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html

Resources

HUD Webinar on cleaning and disinfecting

- CDC and HUD hosted a webinar on cleaning and disinfecting to protect individuals residing in HUD-assisted multifamily properties. A representative from HUD's Multifamily Housing in conjunction with representatives from the CDC and Washington State Dept. of Health presented on their interim guidance on facility cleaning when a person with coronavirus infection is present or suspected. [View the Presentation](#).
- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Managers and maintenance staff of HUD-assisted multifamily housing properties

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Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter Resources for nursing homes and memory care

- The Alzheimer's Association knows that the COVID-19 pandemic is placing tremendous pressures on facilities and caregivers, and they have prepared a [guidance document](#) to assist staff in caring for persons with dementia in emergencies in long-term and community-based care settings. It also provides guidance on the importance of person-centered care - the essential starting point for optimal care.
- More support is also available at alz.org/professionals-covid or at 800-272-3900

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New CDC LTC Frontline Staff Training Webinars

- These short webinars are all published on the [Key Strategies to Prepare for COVID-19 in Long-term Care Facilities](#) (LTCFs) web page at the bottom under a “Webinar Series” section. CDC reports that “These new webinars are intended to be a training tool/resource for frontline long-term care staff members.”
- Here are the direct links to each webinar:
 - Sparkling Surfaces - <https://youtu.be/t7OH8ORr5Ig>
 - Clean Hands - <https://youtu.be/xmYMUly7qiE>
 - Closely Monitor Residents - <https://youtu.be/1ZbT1Njv6xA>
 - Keep COVID-19 Out! - <https://youtu.be/7srwrF9MGdw>
 - PPE Lessons - <https://youtu.be/YYTATw9yav4>

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Other Links

- [LeadingAge Colorado COVID-19 Updates & Resources](#)
- [LeadingAge](#)
- [Argentum](#)
- [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment COVID-19 Long-term Care Facility Page](#)
- [Health Care Policy & Financing COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)

Next Steps

Thank You!