



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to remind members, providers, and stakeholders about the importance of celebrating the Labor Day holiday in a safe and responsible manner to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within our communities, especially in congregate living settings. Information about community spread is included to show a real world visual about the potential for COVID-19 spread within our communities. This memo is intended to provide educational information and does not supplant service specific guidance or requirements.

Information:

The Labor Day holiday is approaching on September 7th, 2020.

Preparing for Labor Day:

We all need to take EXTRA care to be safe over Labor Day to prevent a “Labor Day spike.”

- Keep gatherings to 10 or fewer people
- Outdoor activities pose less risk than indoor

Remember the BIG 3:

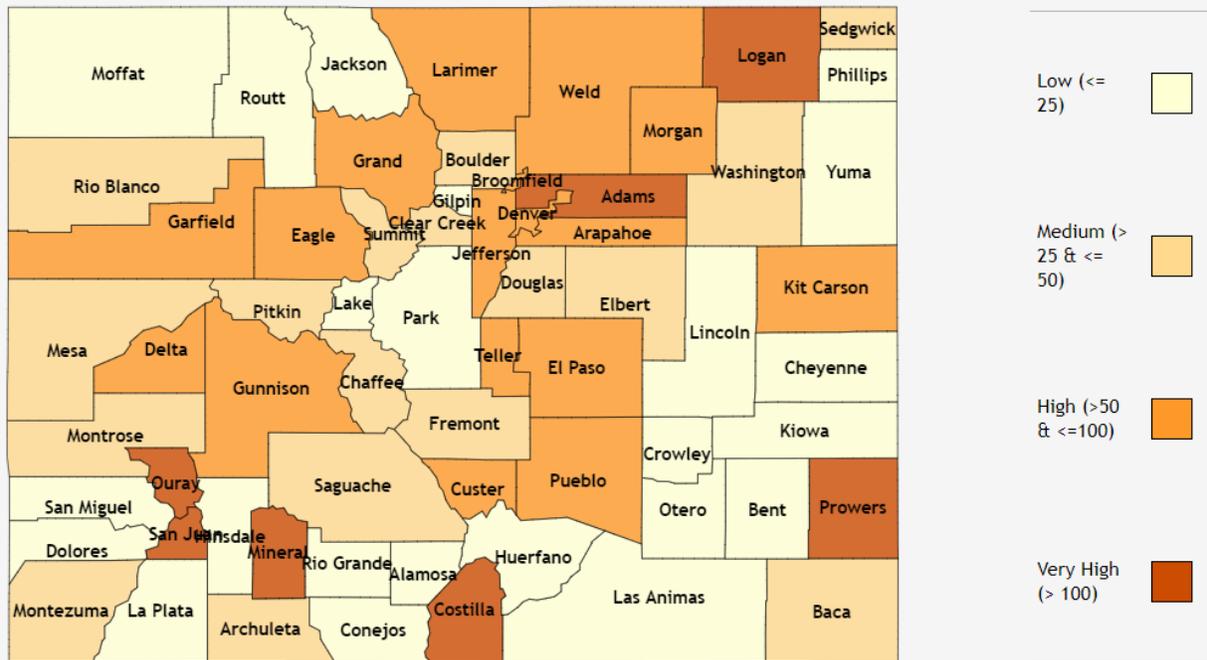
1. Wear a face covering
2. Wash hands frequently
3. Maintain 6ft of physical distance

Weighing Risk – Things to think about before taking part in activities:

- Extra Risk?
 - People with extra risks of serious illness from COVID-19 should aim to limit social interaction as much as they can
- How Many?
 - The smaller the group size and the larger the space the lower the risk
- Inside or out?
 - Outdoor activities pose less risk than the same activities indoors
- Is it worth it?
 - If something doesn't add value but does add risk, reconsider

State research has also shown that one of the most important things in predicting potential outbreaks, **especially in residential care settings where many of the most vulnerable populations reside**, is the rolling two-week incidence rate of COVID-19 in the surrounding local community.

The map below shows the two-week rolling incidence rate for new cases reported between August 18 - 31, 2020 per 100,000 people.



If you live or work within a county experiencing a high level of virus transmission, please be careful and take extra precautions, as necessary.

To continue to get up-to-date data, including the cumulative two-week incidence rate, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data>.

Have fun, but be a responsible Coloradan on Labor Day weekend. Don't forget to take steps to keep one another, and our communities, safe.

Attachment(s):

Preparing for Labor Day Graphic

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