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**NEW COVID Dial Position Per New Metrics in Dial 2**

In a surprising turn of events this afternoon with the announcement of the new metrics for Dial 2 from the Governor's office, Kit Carson County has been moved into the "Blue" Level (Cautious) of the Dial effective Saturday, February 6th. While we have seen decreasing incidence and positivity rates in the last two weeks, health officials were expecting a move to Yellow. The new guidance does not change the capacity limitations that were in Dial 1. However, since we are now Blue, Kit Carson County can have 175 spectators at indoor youth sporting events. The following are the new guidelines Kit Carson County will be operating under in Dial Level Blue:

1. **Public and private gatherings** are limited to no more than 25 individuals when not otherwise regulated as a specific sector or activity in Section III of the Public Health Order. Individuals at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are advised to continue to use extreme caution when leaving home.
2. **Non-Critical Office-based Businesses** may allow in-person work up to 50% of their posted occupancy limit.
3. **Non-critical Manufacturing** may operate at 50% of the posted occupancy limit up to 175 employees, whichever is less, per room.
4. **Field Services** may operate, and real estate open houses must follow the indoor event requirements, including capacity limits.
5. **Personal Services** may operate at 50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 50 people, whichever is less, per room.
6. **Limited Healthcare Settings** may operate at 50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 50 people, whichever is less, per room.
7. **Restaurants** may operate at 50% of the posted occupancy limit indoors not to exceed 175 people excluding staff, whichever is less, per room. Restaurants may also use any existing, licensed outdoor space for in-person dining with the same group limit of 10 and minimum spacing of 6 feet apart.
8. **Indoor Events** may be conducted at 50% of the posted occupancy limit not to exceed 175 people, whichever is less, per room excluding staff.
9. **Outdoor Events** may operate at 50% of the posted occupancy limit not to exceed 250 people per designated activity or area, whichever is less.

10. **Recreation**, including gyms, recreation centers and indoor pools and outdoor recreation facilities, may open at 50% capacity, not to exceed 175 people, whichever is less, excluding staff per room indoors or per activity or area outdoors.
11. **Organized recreational youth or adult leagues sports** may resume activities with no more than 50 players, excluding coaching staff and referees or umpires.
12. **Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions** may continue to operate without capacity limitations, except that Critical Retail must adhere to 50% of the posted occupancy limit.

The indoor mask mandate is still in place for all of the above.

Kit Carson County Health officials are pleased with these new guidelines and hope that the incidence and positivity rates in the County continue to allow the county to be in the Blue Level on the Dial. If everyone continues to do their part to stay at home when not feeling well, getting tested for COVID if you have symptoms of COVID, wash hands frequently and wear a mask indoors when it is not possible to remain 6 feet apart, we should be able to maintain excellent COVID control.

When it is your turn, please also consider getting the COVID vaccine to build county herd immunity and stop COVID from spreading again.

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