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Kit Carson County COVID Data and Updates

For the week of March 9th through March 16th, 123 people were tested and 10 people were positive for COVID, with a positivity rate of 8.1% for the week. For the two weeks beginning March 2nd through March 16th, 239 people were tested, and 21 people were positive with a positivity rate of 11.4%. This continues to be below the 13% positivity rate for the month of February. The hospital reported an increase of hospitalizations related to COVID infection, however, they have not met the metric of concern for a 25% increase in referrals to a higher level of care. So far, the hospital maintains its ability to care for COVID-related cases without straining their capacity to do so.

Indoor Event Registrations Continue to be Requested by Health Department

Public gatherings that are larger than 25 people are being scheduled. Large indoor events up to a maximum 225 people can be conducted (depending on occupancy limits and size of indoor space).

The Indoor Event Registration Form lists all of the best practices that the State of Colorado includes in their guidelines for “Level Blue” indoor events. The county isn’t making these “requirements”, but they are listed in the hopes that event planners will read the list and consider what they can do to conduct an event that is safe while enjoying being able to get back to meeting again.

Event Registration is a tool in public health’s toolbox to assist us with community situational awareness and to give us an opportunity to suggest prevention strategies that will help make the event safe and successful.

The Event Registration form is available for download on the Kit Carson County Website - <https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/>, or one can be requested by emailing Dawn James at hhsdj@kitcarsoncounty.org. When the form is submitted to the health department, assistance will be provided if needed to the event planner to assure public safety and to answer any questions that the planner may have. After the Event Registration is complete, it then goes to the Kit Carson County Board of Health and read into the record as being registered.

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