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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **COVID Data for April 6 – April 20 and Other Updates**

For the two week period of April 6 through April 20, there were 203 individuals tested for COVID infection and there were 10 positive cases for a positivity rate of 4.9%. This is up slightly from the prior two week period where the positivity rate was 4.2%. For the last week (April 11 – April 25), 104 were tested and only 2 were positive which equates to a 28:100,000 incidence rate, an excellent indication of decreased infection rates for the past week.

### **STATE ISSUES PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 20-38 Effective April 16th**

**WHILE SOME** of the decision-making power has been returned to the local health department and Board of Health, and the KCC Board of Health voted to remove the general indoor mask mandate for the county, there remains a few State-issued restrictions in the Governor's Public Health Order 20-38 that was issued on April 16, 2021 and is in effect until May 16, 2021. The following remaining **STATE** restrictions are in place (**NOT COUNTY**)

- Face coverings are required for all individuals in the following settings:
  - Preschool through grade 12 schools (including extracurricular activities), child care centers and services and indoor children's camps
  - Public areas of state government facilities
  - Congregate care facilities, including nursing facilities, assisted living residences and group homes
  - Prisons
  - Jails
  - Emergency medical and other healthcare settings (including hospitals, ambulance service centers, urgent care center, non-ambulatory surgical structures, clinics, doctor's offices)
  - Personal services (such as spas and salons)
  - Limited healthcare settings (such as audiology, chiropractic, acupuncture, massage, physical therapy)
- Indoor Gatherings  
When more than 100 people are gathered in a room in a public indoor space, the setting may operate at 100% capacity not to exceed 500 people, with 6 feet distancing required between

parties of unvaccinated people or when vaccination status is unknown. This does not apply to the following sectors:

- Places of worship and associated ceremonies
- Retail services
- Restaurants that have sit-down dining and do not have unseated areas where 100 or more people could gather
- School proms and graduations that wish to exceed these thresholds are subject to review and approval by local public health agencies in accordance with the CDPHE prom and graduation guidance
- Outdoor events
  - Outdoor ticketed, seated event venues in excess of 30,000 square feet require CDPHE approval, in consultation with the local public health agency.
  - **KIT CARSON COUNTY WILL NOT BE REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM CDPHE**

To read the entire Public Health Order 20-38, go to: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>.

### **COVID Testing Still Advised and an Important Tool for Local Health Officials**

It is still advised to have a COVID test done when symptomatic in order to rule it out as the cause of illness. There are other viruses and illnesses circulating in the county that cause health concerns. Identifying the correct cause of illness will help get you the appropriate treatment for your symptoms and will help stop any spread of COVID. Testing is available at the Kit Carson County Department of Public Health and Environment Monday through Friday.

### **Moderna Vaccine Continues to be Available Weekly on Wednesday and Friday**

KCCDPHE continues to have weekly COVID Vaccine clinics on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please call 719-346-7158, ext. 432 to schedule your shot.

Caution remains the message of the day. It is still important to remain alert and to use caution when interacting with large crowds in indoor spaces. Using personal responsibility is the goal for the community for the foreseeable future. The best defense against spreading COVID is good hand washing, covering your nose and mouth with your elbow when you sneeze or cough, avoiding large indoor crowds, spending more time outdoors and staying home from work, social gatherings and school if you don't feel well

For questions regarding any of the remaining restrictions and guidelines that may affect your event planning, call Dawn James, Director of Public Health at 719-346-7158, ext. 412.

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