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**COVID Data for March 30 – April 6**

COVID infections in Kit Carson County are improving. For the week of March 30 – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 112 people were tested and 5 of those were positive for a weekly positivity rate of 4.5% the best rate the county has had since the early days of the pandemic.

Caution remains the message of the day as we begin to see the light at the end of this very long tunnel. It is still important to remain alert and to use caution when interacting with large crowds in indoor spaces. Using personal responsibility will continue to be our 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.

**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 currently other viruses and illnesses circulating in the county that are causing 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.

**COVID Vaccine Distribution Phase 2 - Began Friday, April 2, 2021**

The COVID Vaccine is now available for *all individuals* age 18 and older for the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson Vaccine and age 16 and older for the Pfizer vaccine. COVID vaccine has not yet been approved for children younger than 16. The Kit Carson County Department of Public Health continues to offer the Moderna COVID Vaccine. KCCDPHE is pleased to announce that the Johnson and Johnson (J & J) COVID Vaccine (one shot only vaccine) was delivered to the health department on April 6, 2021.

## **COVID Vaccine Drive-Thru Clinic is scheduled on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 noon**

KCCDPHE is conducting a Johnson and Johnson COVID Vaccine drive-through clinic on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00. The drive thru will be located at the KCCDPHE office located at 252 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Burlington, Colorado. Vaccine will be provided on a first-come-first-serve basis to anyone 18 years old or older. KCCDPHE was able to procure 300 doses for this event. If you are interested in receiving the J & J vaccine, please call 719-346-7158, ext. 432 so KCCDPHE has an understanding regarding how much interest there is in it.

## **The State Mobile Vaccine Unit Will Be in Kit Carson County on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

In addition to the drive thru on April 10<sup>th</sup>, the State Health Department is sending its mobile vaccine bus to Seibert at the Seibert Community Center on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will have 250 doses of the J & J vaccine on hand. ***Reservations are required for the mobile vaccine bus.*** Go to the CDPHE Vaccine website, <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>, to sign up for this opportunity. The mobile vaccine bus will only be giving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

Vaccine clinics will continue to be held weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays at the health department and on Thursdays at the hospital. Additional clinics in Flagler are also being scheduled on an as needed (by demand) basis. To schedule your appointment go to <https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/> or call 719-346-7158, ext. 432. Moderna continues to be available by appointment and the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be made available by appointment after the April 10<sup>th</sup> drive-thru clinic.

## **Kit Carson County is in Level Green on the COVID Dial - 10<sup>th</sup> update released by the Governor on April 6th**

Kit Carson County was moved to Level Green on the COVID Dial last week and the new Version Ten of the State Public Health Order was released on April 6th. The County isn't "COVID Free", but moving in a positive direction.

### **Summary of changes for PHO 20-36 COVID-19 Dial 10<sup>th</sup> Revision:**

- Section I.B: updated to align with **Executive Order D 2021 079**, the amended executive order on face coverings, and made conforming amendments for face coverings throughout the PHO to clarify that the face covering requirements in the PHO apply when required by the executive order.
- Section II.B.2: clarified that 6 feet distancing from non-household members remains required in Level Green, just the capacity restrictions are removed
- Section II.B.2.b: updated to only require unseated, rather than seated, **Indoor Events** to be subject to the 50% capacity limit not to exceed 500 people in Level Green
- Section II.B.2.e: updated to authorize counties in Level Green to modify or lift face covering requirements as authorized in Executive Order D 2021 079.
- Section II.B.2.g: added new paragraph authorizing seated **Indoor Events** in Level Green to operate at 100% capacity with 6 feet distancing, allowing seating

of up to 10 people together including non-household members, and requiring organizers or operators of any such events that exceed 500 people to consult with CDPHE.

- Section II.C.2.k: updated to allow seated **Indoor Events** in Level Blue to seat up to 10 people together including non-household members, and require organizers or operators of any such events that exceed 500 people to consult with CDPHE
- Section III.C.1: updated to include the revisions to the executive order face covering requirements in **Executive Order D 2021 079**
- Section III.J: aligned language to clarify that **Bars** in Level Blue may operate and are not required to sell or provide food
- Appendix H, Section I.A.2.e: removed the prohibition on dance floors and games in **Restaurants** and **Bars**
- Appendix L, Section I.A.1.b: updated to require transportation to comply with the CDC order on face coverings when using public transportation

For the complete Public Health Order Version 10, go to: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>.

As a result of PHO Version 10, the Kit Carson County Board of Health will take a vote to remove the indoor mask order for Kit Carson County. There may still be regulatory agencies that will continue to require masks for some business including CMS that regulates healthcare, long term care and assisted living facilities; DORA that regulates salons, spas, dentists, chiropractic and other health professions as well as funeral homes; Colorado Department of Education and CHSAA who regulate school rules, etc.

Governor Polis has turned over the masked mandate to the county's if they are in Green. Kit Carson County has removed the mask mandate since the county is in the Green category.

For questions regarding any of the lifting of restrictions and how they apply to you or your business, call Dawn James, Director of Public Health at 719-346-7158, ext. 412.

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