



**COLORADO**

Department of Public  
Health & Environment

# Application for Variance

Name of County: Pueblo

Name of Submitter: Garrison Ortiz, Chairman

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Pueblo County requests a variance from the following restrictions in Executive Order D 2020 044 and/or Public Health Order 20-28.

List the sections of Executive Order D 2020 044 and/or Public Health Order 20-28 that a variance is being sought for:

Appendix F.5  
Section I.C  
Section II  
Section II A.4  
Section II A.5  
Section III  
Section III A-3

Summarize alternate restrictions being proposed to replace the above-referenced restrictions and indicate where in the Plan these alternate restrictions are addressed:  
Please see attachment

Upload your county COVID-19 Suppression Plan and documentation demonstrating approval by the county commissioners, and confirmation from all impacted local hospitals that they can serve all individuals needing their care. Provide a brief summary of each of the following elements contained in the county COVID-19 Suppression Plan and indicate where in the Plan more information can be found for each element.

1. Prevalence of COVID -19 within the county  
Please see attachment

2. Hospital Capacity  
Please see attachment





3. Local containment measures

Please see attachment

4. Conditions to determine the variance is not providing adequate COVID-19 protection and the triggers for tightening restrictions.

Please see attachment

 Confirm that the variance requested does not lessen or eliminate the protections for Vulnerable Individuals in the Safer at Home Order and PHO 20-28.

 Confirm that the county will collect and monitor data to evaluate the impacts of the variance. and make such data available upon request by CDPHE.

Additional information relevant to the requested variance

Please see attachment

By signing below, I attest that I am authorized pursuant to the adoption of the COVID-19 Suppression Plan by the Board of County Commissioners to submit this variance request to CDPHE for consideration.

DocuSigned by:

*Garrison Ortiz, Chairman*

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2020-05-29

Signature

Date



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### **Pueblo County Variance Request to Public Health Order 20-28**

#### **Purpose**

The Pueblo County Board of Commissioners and the City of Pueblo request variances to Public Health Order 20-28 and the subsequent amendments. This variance implements measures that are consistent with the Safer at Home order and proper social distancing, while also providing relief to the local economy.

#### **Executive Summary:**

Pueblo County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) and the City of Pueblo request variances to Public Health Order 20-28. The variances include: places of worship; bars, breweries, wineries; indoor malls; graduation events; certain indoor and outdoor recreation events or activities; public gatherings or events; libraries, variances to the 10 person rule in the current Public Health Order to allow courts to move forward with jury trials as well as city council and county commissioners to make meetings available to limited members of the media or public; private membership organizations, and licensed estheticians.

Pueblo County has experienced a low rate of disease transmission. Hospitals report capacity to respond to a surge and public health capacity has expanded to support additional positive cases should the need arise. Ventilators are widely available for the community. Approximately 6.6% of those tested in Pueblo are COVID- positive. COVID-related deaths average 1.5 per week.

Pueblo County has community testing available three days per week with options to expand that testing to more days if needed. Currently a community testing site is available through the end of June and we are continuing to pursue additional options for future testing throughout the summer.

Pueblo County has developed a suppression plan and has identified triggers that will alert to changes in the community data and the need for tightening up the restrictions.



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### **Background/ Data**

- On March 5, 2020, Colorado reported its first case of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, Governor Polis issued Executive Order D 2020 003, declaring disaster emergency in Colorado due to the presence of COVID-19.
- On March 13, 2020, Pueblo County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency for Pueblo County.
- On March 17, 2020, the Pueblo County Emergency Management and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment established a unified command and the Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center was activated.
- Pueblo County confirmed its first COVID-19 positive case on March 13, 2020. As of May 28, 2020 there have been 4,092 people tested in Pueblo County through the local hospitals and community testing sites and 221 positive cases. A total of 18 deaths including 7 deaths from outbreaks at long-term care facilities have occurred. Since the first positive case in March, Pueblo's has averaged 1.5 deaths per week.

**Testing Capacity-** Initially testing in the community was very limited and reserved for only the patients admitted to the local hospital facilities. On March 19, 2020, the Colorado National Guard provided the first testing in the community, a one-day community testing for symptomatic individuals. A total of 93 people were tested on that day. On April 22, 2020 the State of Colorado in coordination with the United States Health and Human Services opened a community testing site in Pueblo. We are currently offering testing 3 days per week and are allowed up to 250 tests per day. A total of 3,226 tests have been completed at that site. A total of 5,130 individuals have been tested in the community to date. The current community testing has been extended through the end of June 2020. Additional testing has been provided to several long-term care facilities through the Colorado National Guard.



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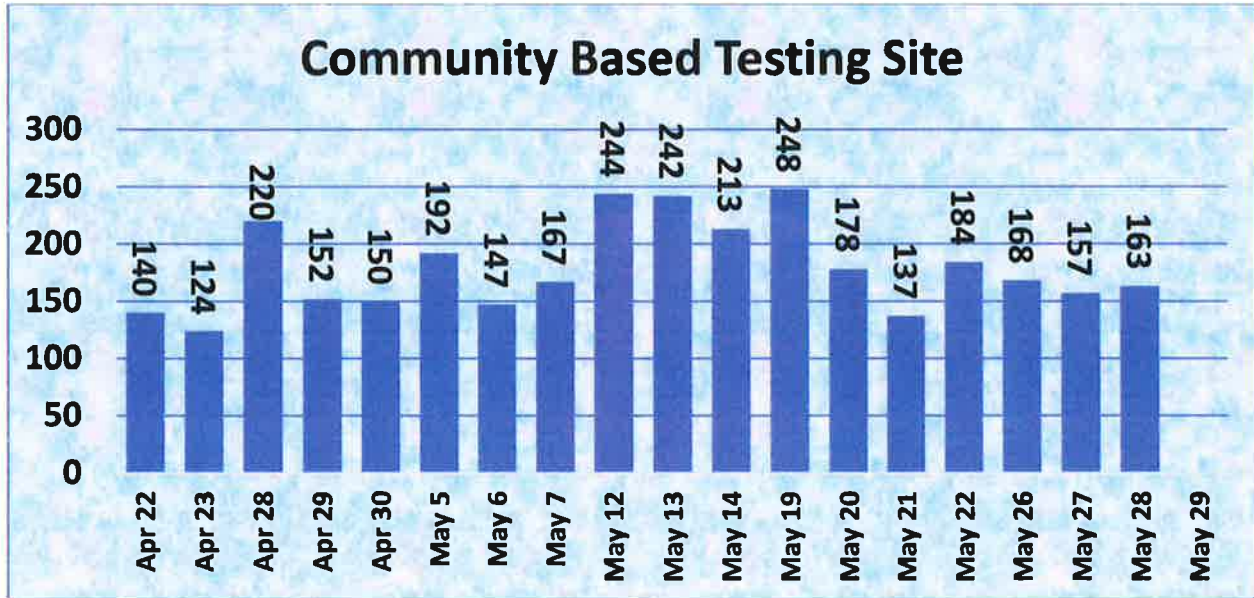
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**Long-term Care Facility Outbreaks-** Pueblo County has experienced three outbreaks at long-term care facilities:

- Brookdale Assisted Living- April 9, 2020
  - 15 COVID-positive residents,
  - 8 COVID-positive staff
  - 6 deaths.
- Columbine Chateau started on May 16, 2020.
  - To date- 16 COVID-positive residents
  - One COVID-positive staff member
  - 1 death.
- University Park Care Center on May 29, 2020
  - To date- 2 COVID- Positive Residents
  - 1 COVID- Positive staff

The Colorado National Guard is currently providing surveillance testing at long-term care facilities that have not had an outbreak. At the first facility, they tested 244 staff and residents, and all were negative. Last week the Colorado National Guard provided testing at three additional long-term facilities in Pueblo and results are pending.



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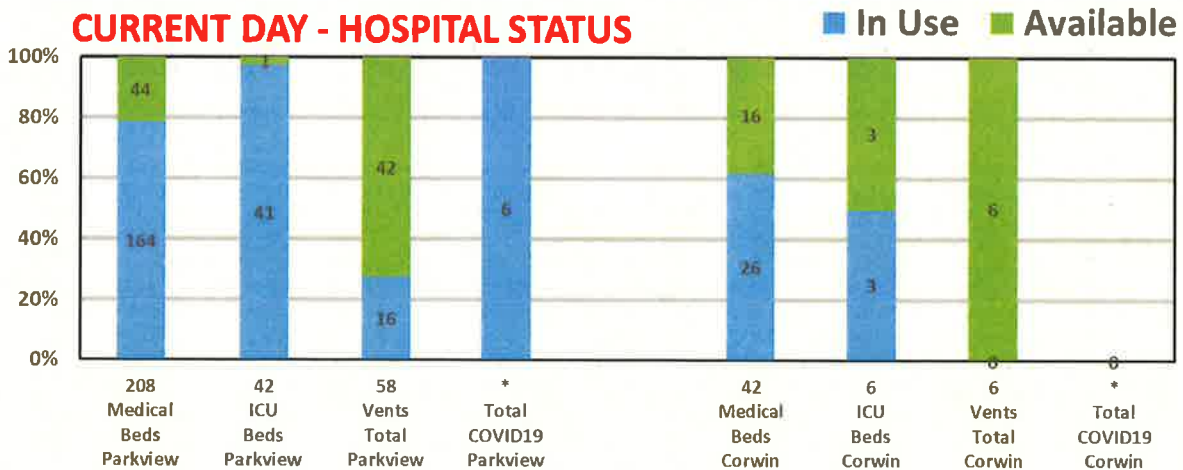
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#### **Local Hospital Capacity**

Local hospitals have been key partners in the response to this virus. Weekly meetings with both hospitals reveal an average daily COVID census of 10-15 at Parkview and 0-2 at St. Mary Corwin. Both systems report an adequate supply of ventilators, staffing, and supplies. Parkview has 58 ventilators in available for use. They are also able to convert additional anesthesia machines to ventilators in an emergency and received an additional 10 ventilators through the Strategic National Stockpile. St. Mary Corwin has 6 vents available for use as well as additional anesthesia machines. The Emergency Operations Center is monitoring this data daily.

ICU beds available varies from day-to-day. With hospitals opening up more elective procedures, more patients are moving in and out of ICU on a daily basis. However, Parkview has the capacity to expand ICU capacity within their hospital if needed. In addition, they have converted an entire unit to negative pressure to support COVID patients.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) remains adequate for both hospital facilities. Both hospitals currently report at least 30 days of PPE supply on hand given the current burn rate.





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### ***Alternative Care Facility***

The biggest concern from the hospitals is the ability to move patients who have recovered from COVID-19 back into skilled nursing facilities. Skilled nursing facilities are reluctant to take patients who have recovered but still test positive because they are shedding virus. The skilled nursing facilities report that they do not have the PPE, the staffing, or often the proper facility configuration to quarantine these individuals when they return from the hospital.

However, the state has remodeled 120 beds at St. Mary Corwin that are intended to be a step-down unit from hospital care for long-term care patients. The facility is slated to open in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June which will give additional capacity to the hospitals (if approved by the State) to place patients outside of their hospital freeing up critical beds.

### ***Non-congregate Care***

The Unified Command in Pueblo County has been working to secure a facility for non-congregate care and has received approval for reimbursement for that facility from FEMA this week. A former hotel site of 17 beds is under contract with a local nonprofit serving home. Upon closing, we will enter into a contract with that nonprofit to secure the non-congregate beds we will need to serve our homeless population who might need to quarantine or isolate especially in the Fall when we move into flu season.

### ***Local Public Health Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Capacity***

The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment continues to ramp up its capacity to complete case investigation and contact tracing within 24 hours of being notified of a positive case. Currently we have assigned equivalent of 4.5 full time people to case investigation and 2.5 FTE to contact tracing. We have two additional staff members who can support contact tracing should there be a surge. In addition, we are training an additional 15 Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to support contact tracing and case investigation. We are also working with the two schools of nursing in our community to identify additional students who may be willing to help. We are providing case investigation and contact tracing seven days per week.



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Additional Epidemiology support is likely through the State.

### ***Testing Results***

Currently, the case rate per 100,000 in Pueblo County is approximate 165/ 100,000 compared to neighboring El Paso county at 204/100,000, Weld County at 753/100,000, and Larimer County at 148/100,000.

Since Pueblo's first case on March 12, 2020, we have averaged 5 positive patients or less per day for a total of 271 positives and 11 probables. Our highest number in one day was on May 22 with 27 positives in one day. However, ten of those positives were from the Columbine Chateau long-term care facility outbreak.





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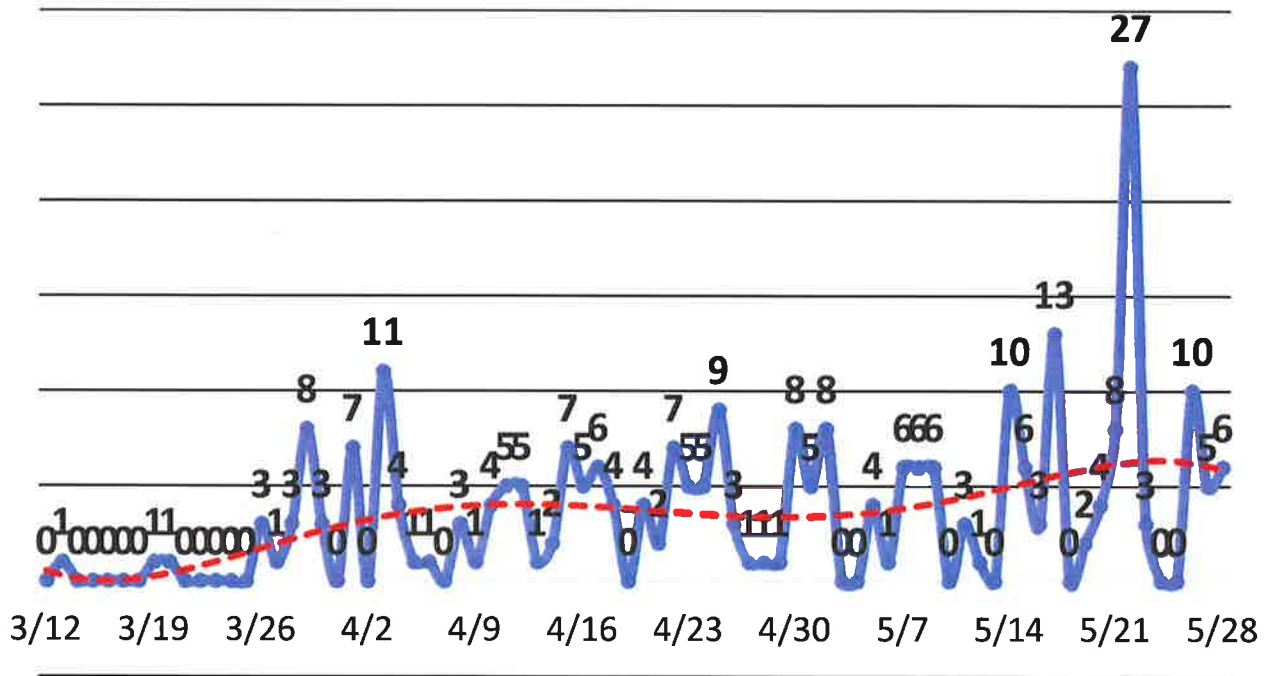
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## Pueblo County - New Cases each day - Not a cumulative total



### Deaths

Since our first case on March 12, 2020, Pueblo County has a total of 18 deaths. All deaths have been in age groups 50 and above with 44% above age 80. Seven of the 18 deaths have been related to outbreaks at long-term care facilities. Our percentage of deaths to total positives is 6.6%. Our average number of deaths per week since the week of March 8-12, 2020 has been 1.5 deaths/ week.



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### **Triggers for Action with COVID-19 Pandemic**

PDPHE has identified a number of trigger points that will force action.

***Individual facility/ business outbreaks-*** more than 2 positive cases within a facility in a 14 day time span requires the facility or business to close for 72 hours and provide deep cleaning for the facility.

#### ***Local Public Health case investigation and contact tracing capacity-***

- Over a week's time, are 95% of case investigation and contact tracing is completed within 24 hours of being notified of the positive case. If no, then add additional staff to support. If over a week's time, the percentage of case investigation and contact tracing that is completed within 24 hours of being notified of the positive case drops below 75%, PDPHE will consult with CDPHE on additional support and direction.

#### ***Hospital Capacity***

- Hospitals report that average daily census for past week of COVID-19 patients has risen above 35% of their total hospital bed capacity
- New COVID admissions exceeds COVID discharges by 50%.
- Hospitals report staffing shortages due to COVID-19 Outbreak within their facility
- If ventilator usage exceeds 90% of total capacity for more than 5 consecutive days
- Local hospitals report that their PPE burn rate is increasing and their on-hand supply drops below an estimated 2 weeks.

#### ***Testing and Surveillance***

- Are at least 750 tests available to the community weekly. Are people seeking testing but are unable to find availability.
- Are local ambulance transport agencies reporting a significant increase in respiratory related calls and transports (including flu, COVID, RSV).



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- Are the number of COVID-related deaths exceeding 10 per day?
- Are positive rates doubling every week for two weeks and nothing else has changed (e.g. additional testing, facility outbreaks).
- Are positive numbers decreasing steadily for 14 days?

### **Suppression Plan:**

Pueblo County has developed a suppression plan included in the attachment 2.



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### Appendix I- Variance request with details

<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: Places of Worship</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28 Appendix F.5
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Places of worship may allow participants up to fifty percent (50%) of maximum occupancy not to exceed 175 people total.</li> <li>• If churches expect to exceed 50 people, a safety plan should be submitted to the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment for review.</li> <li>• Participants must be asked whether they have COVID-19 symptoms at the door and excluded from the place of worship if symptomatic.</li> <li>• Participants are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering both when entering and while present in the house of worship.</li> <li>• Employees must be screened for symptoms each day before beginning work.</li> <li>• Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or Pueblo County's community wide testing.</li> <li>• Clean and disinfect bathrooms daily and between services, particularly high-touch surfaces, and ensure they have hand washing supplies.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement procedures to maintain social/physical distancing by placing markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance where lines form, creating one-way entry/exit and aisles. Guests should maintain at least 6 feet of distance while seated. Family units may sit together.</li> <li>• Excuse church services by rows, discourage gatherings before or after church services</li> </ul>
Triggers/Data:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two or more staff or Church members/ attendees who test positive within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close place of worship to public for 72 hours, deep clean church facilities, notify congregation of outbreak, provide participant list to public health for case investigation and contact tracing. Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur at the place of worship , return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close place of worship for 7 days, deep clean common area and facilities, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>
City specific requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Places of worship are encouraged to have participants register with contact information and to keep such information for 30 days</li> </ul>



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<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: Bars, Wineries, Tasting Rooms, Distilleries, Breweries</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28 Section II Business Requirements
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Capacity for the establishment will be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum occupancy allowed by local fire authorities but no more than 50 people indoors. Additional seating may be provided outdoors assuming that proper social distancing (6 ft between tables) can be maintained and allowed by local ordinances.</li> <li>● Bar seating is allowed if proper social distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained between groups</li> <li>● Groups will be capped at eight people.</li> <li>● Customers should be encouraged to wear face coverings when entering the establishment until being seated, and if moving from their table to other areas of the establishment.</li> <li>● No seat yourself options</li> <li>● Clearly label tables or remove tables that are not available for seating customers.</li> <li>● Post clear signage notifying patrons and employees of hygiene and sanitation expectations, including not entering if they have symptoms.</li> <li>● Customers must be asked whether they have symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering the establishment and any customers reporting symptoms excluded.</li> <li>● Ensure proper ventilation per OSHA guidance</li> <li>● Employees are required to wear gloves and facial coverings during customer interactions. Employees may utilize disposable gloves as normally required by their governing regulations. Employees that are directly involved with disinfecting equipment and surfaces within</li> </ul>



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	<p>critical business and/or have direct contact with customers shall wear gloves when involved in these activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or through community wide testing as available.</li> <li>• If there is a confirmed case among customers or employees the bars, wineries, tasting rooms, distilleries or breweries must notify and cooperate with the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment on next steps.</li> </ul>
<p>Triggers/Data:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two or more staff or patrons who test positive within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close business to public for 72 hours, deep clean facility, notify community of outbreak, provide a customer and staff list (if available) to public health for case investigation and contact tracing). Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur at the facility within 30 days, return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>close business for 7 days, deep clean common area and facilities, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>





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<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: Indoor Malls</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28 Appendix A, Section III
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<p>Retailers in indoor malls or indoor markets with a separate exterior entrance may operate per the requirements for non-critical retail in Appendix A, Section II. For all other retailers in the indoor mall or market, the facility management must submit a plan to the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment for review to address the criteria identified below. If the criteria are met, the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment may approve the plan with specific instructions or limitations based on the type of business.</p> <p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor common areas must not exceed 50% of occupancy as defined by the local fire authority.</li> <li>• Increased cleaning and disinfecting of all high-touch surfaces and restrooms; and posting signs to ensure physical/social distancing in restrooms.</li> <li>• Require all employees to wear face covering or masks</li> <li>• Removal or blocking off of any portions of the mall that encourage group gatherings. Seating areas, play areas, etc., in common areas must be removed or blocked off to prevent gathering in these areas.</li> <li>• On-premise consumption of food and beverages is allowed following the Public Health Order requirements for restaurant.</li> <li>• Symptom screening upon arrival to work, and face mask requirements for employees. Depending on the business sector (retail, personal services, etc.) all guidelines for that business type must be followed.</li> <li>• Posting signs throughout the mall on requirements for physical/social distancing.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placing queue markers at store entrances and tape or other physical/social distancing markers on the floors in mall common areas, inside stores, and on sidewalks outside public entrances.</li> <li>• Ensuring that each of the retailers inside the mall maintain 50% capacity as defined by local fire authorities and physical/social distancing between customers and employees.</li> <li>• Having mall staff or security officers closely monitor the flow of pedestrians in common areas and ask groups that might gather in those areas to disperse.</li> <li>• Making disinfectant wipes available near shopping carts and baskets; or assigning employees to regularly disinfect carts and baskets. Making hand sanitizer available at entrances and high-traffic areas.</li> </ul>
<p>Triggers/Data:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outbreak of two or more staff or patrons within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken: Close individual store or entire mall depending on guidance from public health to public for 72 hours, deep clean retail facilities, notify community of outbreak, provide customer list (if available) to public health for case investigation and contact tracing. Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur within indoor mall or market area within 30 days, return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken: close mall for 7 days, deep clean common area and facilities, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>



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City Specific Requirements	None

### Pueblo County Variance Request: Education Events

**Date submitted:**

Public Health Order Variance	20-28
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<p><b>PHO 20-28</b> School districts may submit a Graduation Waiver for review and approval by the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. The plans for graduation ceremonies must include how the following precautions will be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Distancing - Strategies to maintain a minimum of 6 feet physical distancing must be used throughout the ceremony. Options include doing “drive-in” style ceremonies, streaming presentations and speakers, calling small groups of less than 10 graduates at a time to the presentation stage, etc.</li> <li>• Guests of Graduates - Family and friends of graduates in attendance in person need to be limited in order to maintain physical distancing requirements and overall event size. Members of the same household as the graduate may attend as a group. Extended family members or other guests outside of the household must adhere to physical distancing requirements.</li> <li>• Delivery of Diplomas - Deliver diplomas to graduates after the ceremony via mail, or have graduates collect</li> </ul>



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	<p>diplomas from the stage individually rather than being handed out by administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitoring- defined plan for how staff or volunteers will monitor the events, parking areas, and seating areas to assure that social distancing is maintained and that crowds are dispersed.</li></ul>
Triggers/Data:	No specific triggers. Districts are asked to track students in attendance at graduation events for contact tracing if the need should arise.
City Specific Requirements	None



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<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: General Recreation</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28 Section III A-3.
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<p>Recreation programs and/or facilities to include zoos, ball parks, skating rinks, dog parks, motorized race tracks, museums, or other similar facilities that believe they can operate safely under the current guidance can submit a plan for review and approval to the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment that shows their ability to meet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strict social distancing criteria of 6 feet or more.</li> <li>• Operate at 50% capacity or less.</li> <li>• Increased cleaning and disinfecting of all high-touch surfaces and restrooms, and posting signs to ensure physical/social distancing in restrooms.</li> <li>• Removal or blocking off of any areas that encourage group gatherings. Seating areas, playgrounds, etc., in common areas must be removed or blocked off to prevent gathering in these areas.</li> <li>• If food is served, the recreation facility must follow the current PH 20-28 Orders as amended for restaurants.</li> <li>• Participants must be asked whether they have COVID-19 symptoms at the door and excluded from the recreation programs if symptomatic.</li> <li>• Participants must sign-in with their name and phone number to assist public health in contact tracing should the need arise.</li> <li>• Symptom screening upon arrival to work, and face mask requirements for employees. Depending on the business sector all guidelines for that business type must be followed.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posting signs throughout the facility on requirements for physical/social distancing.</li> <li>• Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Amusement parks will remain closed.</p>
Triggers/Data:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outbreak of two or more staff or patrons within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close recreation facility for 72 hours, deep clean recreation facility, notify community of outbreak, provide line list (if available) to public health for case investigation and contact tracing. Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur within a recreation facility within 30 days, return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>close facility for 7 days, deep clean common areas and facilities, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>
City Specific Requirements	None



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**Pueblo County Variance Request: Local and Personal Recreation**

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Public Health  
Order  
Variance

20-28 Section II.A.4- Gyms

Request  
summary  
requirements  
and  
stipulations

- Capacity for the facility will be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum allowed occupancy unless able to expand outside.
- Clients are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when entering the establishment and at all times except when a face covering inhibits the participants ability to participate in a fitness activity.
- All clients must sign in with their name and phone number.
- In use machines and equipment must be separated by six feet or more. Adjacent equipment closer than 6 feet must be blocked off to prevent use. Cleaning supplies for handles, benches, pins, seats, etc. must be available at each machine that will be used with written instructions available for patrons regarding how to clean the equipment.
- Staff must be available to monitor the number of people in the facility, screen clients upon entry for COVID-19 symptoms, and to assist with and monitor the cleaning and disinfection of equipment between users.
- Group classes in enclosed rooms must be limited to no more than 9 participants plus the instructor provided six feet social distancing can be maintained. Class capacity may be expanded beyond 9 participants if the facility management submits a written plan that demonstrates the businesses ability to expand this capacity given the square footage of the rooms used for classes while maintaining required social distancing.
- Saunas and shared spaces must remain closed.





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pools, including those maintained by a public institution, may open for training, team practices, or instructional classes provided six feet of distance can be provided between participants during instruction or training in the pool. Open swim and public use of the pool must remain closed.</li> <li>• If food is sold or served, the gym must follow the current PH 20-28 Orders as amended for restaurants.</li> <li>• Symptom checking for all employees must be implemented. Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing.</li> </ul>
<p>Triggers/Data:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outbreak of two or more staff or patrons within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close gym facility for 72 hours, deep clean gym facility, notify community of outbreak, provide line list to public health for case investigation and contact tracing (if available). Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur at or related to a recreation facility within 30 days, return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p>



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	close facility for 7 days, deep clean common area and facilities, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen
City Specific Requirements	None

<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: Local and Personal Recreation</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28 Section II.A.5- Theaters (movie theaters, live performance theaters)
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity for the theater will be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum allowed occupancy.</li> <li>• Each group of patrons must be seated together and at least 6 feet from other groups. No groups larger than 8 may be seated together.</li> <li>• Employees must be present in each theater room to ensure that proper physical/social distancing protocol is enforced.</li> <li>• Seats, armrests, handrails, doors, doorknobs, and door handles in each theater must be thoroughly sanitized before and after each showing.</li> <li>• Tape must be applied to floors at ticket counters and concession stands to enforce proper physical/social distance protocol for patrons who are waiting in line.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrooms must be cleaned and disinfected regularly, and frequently contacted surfaces must be cleaned no less than once an hour.</li> <li>• Play areas, arcade rooms, or other group areas other than the theater rooms must remain closed.</li> <li>• Intermission activities should not occur</li> <li>• If food is served, the theater facility must follow the current PH 20-28 Orders as amended for restaurants.</li> <li>• Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing.</li> </ul>
<p>Triggers/Data:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outbreak of two or more staff or patrons within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken: Close theater facility for 72 hours, deep clean theater facility, notify community of outbreak, provide line list to public health for case investigation and contact tracing (if available). Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur that are related to specific theater facility, return to the requirements of the current state public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close facility for 7 days, deep clean common areas, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>



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City Specific Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrons must register with contact information and facility must maintain the list for 30 days.</li> </ul>
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<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: Local and Personal Recreation</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28 Section II.A.5- Bowling Alleys
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity for the bowling alley will be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum allowed occupancy</li> <li>If food is served, the recreation facility must follow the current PH 20-28 Orders as amended for restaurants.</li> <li>Tape must be applied to floors at service counters, cash registers and rental stations to enforce proper physical/social protocol for patrons who are waiting in line.</li> <li>Use reservation systems to discourage patrons from crowding to wait for a lane during busy periods.</li> <li>Remove all items from self-service - bowling balls, bowling shoes, and other bowling accessory stations and have workers provide such items to patrons directly.</li> <li>Allowing groups of 8 people or less per lane.</li> <li>Staggering use of lanes so that only every other lane is in use to maintain proper physical/social distancing between groups. Each group must be seated at least 6 feet apart.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Require face coverings in the business by both employees and customers.</li> <li>● Score keeping machines, ball returns, tables, seats, and other fixtures at each bowling lane must be thoroughly sanitized before and after each group's use.</li> <li>● Bowling balls and bowling shoes must be thoroughly sanitized before and after each group.</li> <li>● Play areas, arcade rooms, or other group areas other than the bowling lanes must remain closed.</li> <li>● Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing.</li> </ul>
<p>Triggers/Data:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outbreak of two or more staff or patrons within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close bowling alley for 72 hours, deep clean bowling alley facilities, notify community of outbreak, provide line list to public health for case investigation and contact tracing (if available). Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks linked to the bowling alley occur within 30 days, return to the requirements of the current public health order unless the following action is taken:</p>



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	Close the facility for 7 days, deep clean common areas, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen
City Specific Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrons must register with contact information and facility must maintain the list for 30 days.</li> </ul>

**Pueblo County Variance Request: Public Gatherings/ Events**

**Date submitted:**

Public Health Order Variance	20-28 Section I.C.
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<p>Community organizations, businesses, government entities, and nonprofits may submit an Event plan for review and approval by the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. The plans for the proposed events must include how the following precautions will be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The gathering/ event will not exceed 50% capacity but not more than 50 people indoors or 200 people outdoors assuming that proper physical distancing can be maintained</li> <li>Physical Distancing - Strategies to maintain a minimum of 6 feet physical distancing must be used throughout the event or gathering.</li> <li>Food sales and concessions must comply with all current Public Health Orders and subsequent amendments.</li> <li>Restrooms facilities must be cleaned and disinfected regularly, and frequently contacted surfaces must be cleaned no less than once an hour</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visitors and participants should be screened before entering the facility. Anyone who is symptomatic must be excluded.</li> <li>• Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing.</li> <li>• Monitoring- defined plan for how staff or volunteers will monitor the events, parking areas, and seating areas to assure that social distancing is maintained and that crowds are dispersed.</li> </ul>
Triggers/Data:	No specific triggers
City Specific Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendees must register with contact information and facility/host organization must keep the list for 30 days.</li> </ul>



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<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: Libraries</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<p>Libraries that believe they can operate safely under the current guidance can submit a plan for review and approval to the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment that shows their ability to meet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit capacity to 50% of designated fire capacity but not to exceed 200 people in the facility at any one time (to include staff, volunteers, and patrons)</li> <li>• Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet.</li> <li>• Limit computer usage to members from a single family at any one time. Maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between active computer stations. Wipe down computer keyboards, screens and/or mouse components after each usage. Computers will be made available by reservation only.</li> <li>• On-line checkout and payment options</li> <li>• External book or materials return</li> <li>• Increased cleaning and sanitation especially of high-touch surfaces and restroom facilities.</li> <li>• Quarantine process for returned materials of at least 72 hours before being placed back into the overall collection or circulation</li> <li>• Provide staff or volunteers to provide increased cleaning of surfaces, to monitor patrons and to disperse crowds</li> <li>• Limit browsing for books or materials in the library to 30 minutes per patron.</li> <li>• Use of special meeting rooms must follow guidelines of the current state public health orders</li> </ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food sales and concessions must comply with all current state public health orders and subsequent amendments</li> <li>• All visitors and participants should be screened before entering the facility. Anyone who is symptomatic must be excluded.</li> <li>• Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing</li> </ul>
Triggers/Data:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outbreak of two or more staff or patrons within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken: Close library facility for 72 hours, deep clean facility, notify community of outbreak, provide patron and staff list (if available) to public health for case investigation and contact tracing. Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur that are related to specific library facility, return to the requirements of the current state public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close facility for 7 days, deep clean common areas, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>
City Specific Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrons must register with contact information and facility must maintain the list for 30 days.</li> </ul>



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<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: District/County/ Municipal Courts</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate at 50% occupancy or less for each courtroom</li> <li>• Maintain at least 6 ft. social distancing between all jurors, plaintiffs, legal staff, and judges</li> <li>• Maintain an active roster by time and date of all visitors, attorneys, and staff who are present in the courtroom for 30 days.</li> <li>• Increase cleaning of high-touch surfaces between trials</li> <li>• Restrict visitors to courtroom to one visitor per defendant</li> <li>• Make hand sanitizer available at the entrance to the courtroom</li> <li>• Restrict gathering/socializing activities within the courthouse and disperse crowds if they form</li> <li>• Increase cleaning of restroom facilities</li>   <li>• All visitors, jurors, and participants should be screened before entering the facility. Anyone who is symptomatic must be excluded.</li> <li>• Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing</li> </ul>
Triggers/Data:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outbreak of two or more staff or visitors within 14 days</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken: Close courtroom facility for 72 hours, deep clean facility, notify community of outbreak, provide patron and staff list (if available) to public health for case investigation and contact tracing. Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur that are related to specific courtroom facility, return to the requirements of the current state public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close facility for 7 days, deep clean common areas, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>
<p>City Specific Requirements</p>	<p>None</p>



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<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: 10 person limit- Local Government Body Boards and Commissions</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate at 50% occupancy not to exceed 50 people if proper social distancing of 6 ft. can be maintained.</li> <li>• Maintain at least 6 ft. social distancing between all guests</li> <li>• Require all guests to sign in and keep list for a minimum of 30 days.</li> <li>• Increase cleaning of high-touch surfaces between meetings</li> <li>• Make hand sanitizer available at the entrance to the chambers</li> <li>• Restrict gathering/socializing activities within the courthouse and disperse crowds if they form</li> <li>• All visitors, jurors, and participants should be screened before entering the facility. Anyone who is symptomatic must be excluded.</li> <li>• Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing</li> </ul>
Triggers/Data:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outbreak of two or more staff or visitors within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:</p>



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	<p>Close chamber facilities for 72 hours, deep clean facility, notify community of outbreak, provide patron and staff list (if available) to public health for case investigation and contact tracing. Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur that are related to specific courtroom facility, return to the requirements of the current state public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close chambers to the public for 7 days, deep clean common areas, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>
City Specific Requirements	None
<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: Private Membership Organizations</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<p>Pueblo County would like to allow private membership organizations to apply for Waiver for review by the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. The plans must include how the following precautions will be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Physical Distancing - Strategies to maintain a minimum of 6 feet physical distancing</li> <li>● Offer No Contact Payment Options</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Face coverings must be required and plans should outline how the requirement will be communicated to members and enforced;</li> <li>● The plan must include methods used to register members and their guests so that contact tracing may occur if necessary;</li> <li>● An Increased cleaning and disinfecting of all high-touch surfaces and restrooms, and posting signs to ensure physical/social distancing in restrooms.</li> <li>● All indoor dining facilities must follow the guidelines identified for variance # 2 identified above.</li> <li>● Symptom screening upon arrival to work, and face mask requirements for employees. Depending on the business sector all guidelines for that business type must be followed.</li> <li>● Posting signs throughout on requirements for physical/social distancing.</li> <li>● Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing.</li> </ul>
<p>Triggers/Data:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outbreak of two or more staff or visitors within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken: Close facility for 72 hours, deep clean facility, notify community of outbreak, provide patron and staff list (if available) to public health for case investigation and contact tracing. Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p>



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	<p>If multiple outbreaks occur that are related to this specific facility, return to the requirements of the current state public health order unless the following action is taken:</p> <p>Close facility for 7 days, deep clean common areas, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>
City Specific Requirements	None



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<b>Pueblo County Variance Request: Licensed Estheticians</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	
Public Health Order Variance	20-28
Request summary requirements and stipulations	<p>Pueblo County would like to allow licensed estheticians to apply for Waiver for review and approval by the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. The plans must include how the following precautions will be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate at 50% occupancy or less. Clients should be encouraged to wait in their car or outside the facility until their appointment time. Physical Distancing - Strategies to maintain a minimum of 6 feet physical distancing for patrons and all staff</li> <li>• Clients must make appointments, no walk in</li> <li>• Clients should acknowledge risk and consent to services in writing.</li> <li>• The esthetician must maintain a log of all clients including their name, phone number, date and time of service.</li> <li>• All staff must wear appropriate personal protective equipment to include masks and gloves while interacting with the customer.</li> <li>• All customers will be asked to wear a mask or face covering until their appointment commences.</li> <li>• Offer non-contact payment options</li> <li>• Provide handwashing stations for clients prior to receiving services</li> <li>• In addition to standard disinfection protocols, additional cleaning and disinfecting processes including restrooms should be addressed.</li> <li>• Symptom monitoring for all employees and clients. Employees who are symptomatic must</li> </ul>





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	<p>be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or community wide testing. Patrons who are symptomatic will be asked to reschedule.</p>
<p>Triggers/Data:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply of medical grade face masks, shields, and gloves are not available to fully protect the patron and the employee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Reschedule all appointments until proper levels of PPE are available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outbreak of two or more staff or visitors within 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken: Close salon for 72 hours, deep clean facility, notify community of outbreak, provide patron and staff list (if available) to public health for case investigation and contact tracing. Work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen.</p> <p>If multiple outbreaks occur that are related to a specific salon facility, return to current state public health order unless the following action is taken:  Close facility for 7 days, deep clean common areas, work with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment regarding plans to reopen</p>
<p>City Specific Requirements</p>	<p>None</p>



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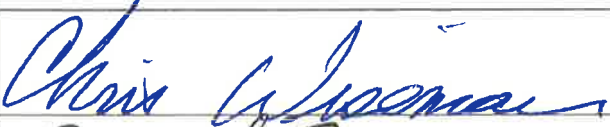




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<b>Approved by:</b>	
Garrison Ortiz, Chair, Pueblo County Commissioner	
Terry Hart, Pueblo County Commissioner	
Chris Wiseman, Pueblo County Commissioner	
Randy Evetts, Director of Pueblo County Department of Public Health and Environment	
Dennis Flores, President Pueblo City Council	
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Nina Vetter, Pueblo West Metropolitan District Manager	
Leslie Barnes, CEO Parkview Medical Hospital	*see letter attached*
Mike Cafasso, CEO St. Mary Corwin Hospital	*see letter attached*



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### Attachment 2- Pueblo County Suppression Plan

**Community Collaboration/ Coordination/ Communication-** Pueblo County's ability to suppress COVID-19 begins with strong coordination and collaboration between local elected officials, the Emergency Operations Center, the local hospitals, law enforcement, first responders, public health, long-term care facilities, and the community. Fortunately for Pueblo County, the community has a long history of working together to solve problems and respond to emergencies. Pueblo's history with the Pueblo Chemical Depot and the mustard gas destruction have provided extensive emergency preparedness training, strengthened communication, and created working relationships that have been critical in the COVID-19 response.

On March 17, 2020, the Pueblo Department of Public Health and the Pueblo County Emergency Manager implemented a unified command and opened the Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Unified Command coordinates planning and logistics, communication, resource acquisition, and data tracking. The Unified Command also works closely with state partners to coordinate actions and assists Pueblo County and southern Colorado respond to the local conditions as well as those at a state and national level in a coordinated systems approach. The EOC provides multiple briefings per week to key community stakeholders from including elected officials, healthcare executives, law enforcement, first responders, and business leaders to assure that our community is well versed in the activities of the EOC and the progression of the virus in the community.

Currently, the EOC coordinates weekly meetings with the following:

- Hospital CEOs and Healthcare organizations
- Long-term Care Providers
- Homeless providers and resources.

In addition, the Public Health Director speaks daily with the Board of County Commissioners Chair, the Mayor and their respective staff to continually update and coordinate activities. The Emergency Manager and Public Health Director also present updates regularly to the Board of County Commissioners and to the Pueblo City Council as needed.



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A Joint Information Center (JIC) was established along with a single phone number and website, puebloemergency.info, for the community. To date the JIC has responded to 3,528 calls with an average of 72 calls/ day and the website has received 66,436 visits, an average of 963 visits per day. These functions provide critical educational support for the community.

The JIC structure allows the unified command to address ongoing needs for resources, advocacy and communication. The JIC provides daily 4:00 PM updates to the community and media and works closely with the local media outlets and social media to make information available to our community daily. To date there have been more than 100 press releases to educate the community about the current actions, public health orders, and strategies to remain health. Additionally there have been three joint press conferences, 42 media interviews, and a community Facebook Live event. The JIC also created educational resources to support on-going campaigns regarding social distancing, personal hygiene, wearing masks, testing, what to do if you have symptoms and community resources to support community needs.

### **Surveillance and Outbreak response**

**Testing-** A Community Testing site has been established offering up to 250 PCR tests per day. The current testing site has been expanded through the end of June 2020. Currently testing is offered 3 days per week but can be expanded based on demand in the community. Testing results are generally available within 24-48 hours.

Testing is now available to anyone who is symptomatic or asymptomatic close contacts of identified cases, healthcare workers, first responders, high-risk and vulnerable groups (Over age 60, minority groups). We continue to pursue strategies to reach other populations such as homeless and migrants who are not able to come to the local community testing site.

The Colorado National Guard and the State of Colorado are providing additional surveillance testing at local long-term care facilities. To date four facilities have been tested including all residents and staff.



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Additional testing is available at both hospital facilities, Kaiser Permanente, and some private practices throughout the community. Parkview Medical Center will be able to offer in-house testing through their lab within the next 10 days. The Unified Command continues to work on additional testing resources for the community to continue throughout the summer.

***Detecting new cases-*** In addition to the testing surveillance, PDPHE is also working to develop additional data tools to understand and monitor the virus in our community. The team is working with the State to better understand the data from the symptom tracker app offered by the state. PDPHE is developing data visualizations using Tableau to identify trends regarding age, ethnicity and outcomes for vulnerable populations. Additionally, respiratory symptom surveillance under development with local ambulance transport agencies which will become increasingly important as the Fall approaches and other viruses like Flu and RSV emerge.

***Oubreak response-*** The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment continues to ramp up its resources for case investigation and contact tracing. Currently there are 7.0 FTEs supporting this effort in addition to our regional epidemiologist. Two additional staff are fully trained and able to provide support during a surge or if others are absent. We are providing case investigations and contact tracing seven days per week. Quarantine and isolation is addressed immediately during this process.

PDPHE is currently training an additional 15 case investigators and contact tracers through the Medical Reserve Corps and is working with the local schools of nursing to recruit additional support. PDPHE has also established a PRN pool of registered nurses who are being trained to support the effort as needed.

CDPHE is working to secure additional epidemiology support as well as contact tracing resources.

A weekly call with long-term care facilities and hospitals is now in place. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential outbreaks, identify and address challenges that may be preventing patients from being discharged from hospitals to long-term care facilities, identify needs for additional training and support and to confirm supply and PPE needs.



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Our regional epidemiologist also speaks personally with the long-term care facilities throughout the community weekly to discuss any concerns, answer questions, and discuss protocols. The PDPHE medical director also engages in calls with these facilities as needed.

If an outbreak does occur at a long-term care facility, PDPHE staff schedule a virtual walkthrough of the facility to identify opportunities for improvement or better infection control. In addition, PDPHE supports the long-term care facilities by providing education regarding proper donning and doffing of PPE, and infection control efforts.

### ***Hospital Capacity***

Pueblo has two hospitals. Both hospitals can support COVID-19 patients, however St. Mary Corwin has more limited capacity. In total the hospitals have 64 ventilators available plus anesthesia machines that can be converted to ventilators if needed. An additional 10 ventilators are available through the Strategic National Stockpile. Both hospitals offer ICU capacity and negative pressure rooms. Parkview Medical Center has established an entire negative pressure unit to support COVID-19 response. Data triggers, points for discussion and or additional suppression have been identified based on hospital census, PPE, and ventilator support.

The Public Health Director along with staff from PDPHE and the Emergency Operations Center participate in a weekly telephone call with the hospital CEOs to discuss barriers, concerns, supplies, census, and other related topics. In addition, the EOC monitors daily ICU and ventilator capacity as well as number of COVID patients hospitalized.

### ***Logistical Support and Supply Chain Monitoring***

The Pueblo County EOC will continue to closely monitor the status of supply chains, particularly for the ability to effectively resource personal protection equipment and testing supplies in quantities that ensure our healthcare, long-term care facilities, and emergency services partners are adequately protected. Additionally, the EOC continues to monitor the availability and inventory of testing supplies to ensure that community-wide testing can continue at appropriate capacity.



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### ***Alternate Care Site Support***

In order to ensure that the hospitals do not become overwhelmed and that census capacity is not surpassed, the State has constructed an alternate care facility of 120 beds located at the St. Mary Corwin Hospital campus in Pueblo. The facility is slated to open in June and will provide support to southern Colorado specifically for patients who have been treated at the hospital for COVID-19 but are not yet ready to return to a long-term care setting or to home. Pueblo County EOC is working on wrap-around supports for that facility while the State continues to work on build-out and staffing.

Additionally, the EOC is working with a local non-profit to provide non-congregate housing for homeless individuals and others who do not need to be hospitalized but who are symptomatic or positive and require isolation or quarantine. Currently, hotel rooms are available for this purpose and full wrap around support (security, meals, laundry, medical check-in can be provided. Within the month, the nonprofit will own a new facility (a former hotel that is turnkey) with 17 beds available. The nonprofit has agreed to provide those rooms for non-congregate sheltering for COVID related patients. Pueblo County has secured approval from FEMA to be reimbursed for this site.

### **Compliance and Enforcement**

A team of PDPHE employees provides education and enforcement of the Safer at Home Order by responding to complaints, providing education, and issuing notices of violation if needed. PDPHE has strong support from the Pueblo County Sheriff, Pueblo Police Department and the District attorney to support and enforce the public health orders. The primary goal is voluntary compliance, but other civil and criminal penalties are available. PDPHE, local law enforcement, and the District Attorney meet as needed to discuss the current situation and problems that are arising. The District Attorney has also worked with the Chief Judge of the District court to provide expedited hearings for COVID-related violations if needed.

### **Data Triggers**

PDPHE has identified data triggers and continues to expand its data capabilities. Weekly meetings to review the data will be set with the Medical Director as well as local community leaders to provide on-going evaluation of the data. Should the data indicate a need for action, any of the following emergency protective actions may be taken:



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1. Closure of specific businesses, institutions, parks, etc. and/or sectors due to an outbreak, or if they are in violation of the guidance or requirements listed in this document or current public health orders.
2. Reinstatement of more strict social distancing requirements, by issuance of public health orders, which can include, but are not limited to the following: reduction in numbers of persons allowed in businesses, gatherings or events, requirements for wearing masks, stay at home orders for susceptible populations, or halting of certain activities, sectors, or businesses.
3. Full activation of an alternative care site.
4. Higher level EOC activation (more resources to support)
5. Continued closure of schools or post-secondary institutions
6. Reinstatement of visitor restrictions to long-term care, hospitals, or other healthcare facilities.
7. Recruitment of additional resources to support case investigation and contact tracing.





May 29, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Parkview Medical Center believes they have the capacity to serve all people needing care. Therefore, we are in support of Pueblo County's variance request to Public Health Order 20-28. The facility has the following capacity:

42 ICU beds

58 ventilators

PPE is available to handle standard care along with COVID-19 cases

If there is any further information needed, please contact me at 719-584-4573.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leslie Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "B".

Leslie Barnes  
President/CEO



We extend the healing ministry of Christ by caring for those who are ill and by nurturing the health of the people in our communities.

May 29, 2020

VIA EMAIL - [evettsr@pueblounty.us](mailto:evettsr@pueblounty.us)

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RE: St. Mary Corwin Medical Center

Dear Randy,

In response to your request for documentation in support of the Pueblo County Variance to the Amended Safer At Home Public Health Order 20-28, St. Mary Corwin Medical Center will continue to monitor its available ICU beds and ventilators, and it regularly monitors its supply of personal protective equipment and hospital staff in anticipation of and in preparation for a surge or resurgence of COVID-19 patients. St. Mary Corwin Medical Center has reviewed the Pueblo County Suppression Plan and is prepared to serve COVID-19 patients in Pueblo County

Regards,

Centura Health  
for St. Mary Corwin Medical Center

  
Kyis Ordelheide  
Senior Vice President  
& General Counsel

cc: Michael Cafasso, President & CEO – St. Mary Corwin Medical Center  
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Cynthia L. Mitchell, Pueblo County Attorney - [mitchellc@pueblounty.us](mailto:mitchellc@pueblounty.us)