



May 19, 2020

Jill Hunsaker Ryan  
Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
4300 Cherry Creek South Drive  
Denver, CO 80246

Dear Director Ryan,

Prowers Medical Center would like to offer support of the Safer at Home Variance Request being submitted for Prowers County.

Prowers County has been following the Governor's Orders throughout the Stay-At-Home and Safer at Home phases throughout the COVID-19 public health crisis. With a lag time of between three (3) to six (6) weeks behind those counties closer to the Front Range, our first positive case of COVID-19 occurred on April 8, 2020. The next positive case did not occur until May 2, 2020. To date, there have been 11 total cases within Prowers County with none of the patients requiring hospitalization and there have been no deaths. Regional data reflects that our southeast corner of the state is currently stable.

Prowers County is requesting the loosening of restrictions in categories that we feel make sense for our local conditions. The variance request submitted identifies a number of social behaviors and specific guidelines that are being promoted as best practices to contain and slow the spread of the virus in our communities. Our local Public Health Department will work to regulate behaviors that will help to control disease transmission and is confident that they have the capability to actively monitor and support those patients who are in isolation or quarantine.

The trigger points built into this variance request will help us monitor and maintain situational awareness at all times. We currently do not have a consistent, reliable supply chain for any of our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) so it is imperative that we have parameters in place to ensure we do not go backwards. We will continue to utilize and encourage social distancing, wearing of face coverings, washing hands and other behaviors to keep our communities safe.

As we continue to work to address this public health crisis, the Team at Prowers Medical Center will continue to work collaboratively with city and county officials to ensure that we stand prepared to provide the highest quality health care and work to save lives. We look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen L. Bryant".

Karen L. Bryant  
Chief Executive Officer

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