

August 20, 2020

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
Attention: Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Executive Director
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246
and via e-mail

Dear Ms. Ryan,

Gilpin County, through the Public Health Director of Gilpin County Public Health, is respectfully requesting certification for the Protect Our Neighbors level of reopening our community and economy. We support the containment plan as outlined in this application for certification at this level.

Gilpin County Public Health, in partnership with Jefferson County Public Health, is committed to supporting the agency's work to meet the thresholds required at the Protect Our Neighbors level and will utilize our offices tools and resources to encourage compliance with the containment plan outlined in this certification application. We also will work to ensure compliance with all public health orders and will take appropriate enforcement actions when needed.

As reflected in this application, the prevalence of COVID-19 in Gilpin County remains low, and few residents have exhibited symptoms of the disease. Community testing capacity is sufficient for our needs, as are the ability to provide case investigation and contact tracing. As the plan explains in detail, triggers are in place for identifying increased prevalence among our residents and a thorough suppression plan is in place. There is no current growth in the number of community cases, an early warning system is in place to detect any increase in community spread or outbreaks, and considerations for increased disease rates and indicators for a quick response as needed is in place and described in this plan.

As the Public Health Director for Gilpin County, I endorse this application for certification at the Protect Our Neighbors level.

Sincerely,



Mark B. Johnson, MD, MPH
Public Health Administrator
Gilpin County Public Health