

# GILPIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

## “PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS” COVID19 CONTAINMENT PLAN



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## CONDITIONS FOR LIFTING RESTRICTIONS

Gilpin County's first positive case of COVID19 was reported May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As of August 19, 2020, Gilpin County has 17 confirmed and probable cases. There have been no major "spikes" or surges of cases.

The World Health Organization has set forth the following guidelines for transitioning from a "scenario of community transmission to a sustainable, steady-state of low-level or no transmission." This containment plan is comprised of the following components:

1. Prevalence of COVID19 cases within Gilpin County
2. Hospital capacity
3. Public Health containment measures
4. Mitigation strategies

Gilpin County Public Health (GCPH) is the local health authority for Gilpin County. The goal of the GCPH Response to COVID19 is to minimize the impacts of COVID19 on the physical and behavioral health of Gilpin County in order to recover quickly and effectively from the COVID19 pandemic.

## PREVALENCE OF COVID19 IN GILPIN COUNTY

- As of 10am on August 19, 2020:
  - Per CDPHE case data and based on established case definitions, there have been 17 confirmed and probable cases in Gilpin County.
  - Gilpin County's population is roughly 6000 residents; 17 cases represents a .003 community transmission rate
  - Hospitalizations: 1 total hospitalization with 1 discharged as of August 19, 2020.
  - The number of new hospitalizations (by date of hospitalization) has remained at zero. Overall, the numbers hospitalized have remained at zero for multiple weeks in Gilpin County.

## HOSPITAL CAPACITY

There are no physical hospital systems in Gilpin County. Rather, the county utilizes the services of hospitals in Boulder County and Jefferson County, listed below.

1. St. Anthony Hospital, 11600 W 2nd Pl, Lakewood, CO 80228
2. Boulder Community Hospital, 4747 Arapahoe Ave. Boulder, CO 80303

Gilpin County will submit an addendum with affirmation of these hospitals' ability to serve Gilpin County residents seeking treatment for COVID.

- Using Jefferson County's hospitals Gilpin has 142 1CU beds with the potential to expand within the facilities as needed with 75 critical and noncritical ventilators.
- Data from the August 16, 2020 North Central Region (NCR) Hospital Report shows that:
  - **ICU availability:** 28%
  - **Critical pharmaceutical shortages:** None reported
  - **PPE shortages/needs:** No critical shortages reported

- **Anticipated med/surgical bed shortages:** None reported. 901 medical/surgical beds available.

## PUBLIC HEALTH CONTAINMENT MEASURES

- As of August 20, 2020 Gilpin, County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has processed over 150 orders to support the response community, testing operations and Gilpin County Public Health. Combining the EOC capability of both Jefferson and Gilpin counties doubled the capability Gilpin has to ensure supplies are allocated.
- Local containment measures fundamental to this plan include:
  - Diagnostic testing
  - Contact tracing
  - A public information campaign encouraging social distancing and hygiene measures
- The GCPH has a team of contact tracers consisting of 6 case investigators that perform and complete case investigations in 24 hours. GCPH also collaborates with the JCPH Epidemiology Branch which consists of thirty-three staff who conduct case investigations and contact tracing on every positive case. Case investigations are completed within 24 hours. In both Counties contact tracing is performed with people who were in direct contact with identified positive cases. Gilpin County has also opted in to Tier 2 with CDPHE should the need arise for additional support.
  - The GCPH/JCPH Contact Tracing program:
    - Performs contact tracing on probable cases (in addition to confirmed cases).
    - Refers anyone who is symptomatic to testing.
    - Monitors symptoms of asymptomatic contacts.
- GCPH has developed a Community Testing Plan. Currently, Gilpin County's site offers testing for symptomatic residents, first responders, health care workers and those who have had close contact with someone positive for COVID19.
- The Gilpin County Containment Plan includes the assumption that individuals are responsible for not going out in public if sick, isolating if displaying symptoms of COVID19 and taking adequate precautions to protect high-risk populations including the recommendation to wear non-medical face coverings.

## WORKPLACE PREVENTIVE MEASURES ARE ESTABLISHED

- Guidelines for a gradual reopening under the Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Public Health Order and alignment with the current Gilpin County Variance have been written and distributed to schools, workplaces, and other locations.
- GCPH has developed a Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors toolkit for various industries, which includes detailed guidance in alignment with CDPHE's guidelines and the Gilpin County Variance, sign templates, symptom check template, and frequently asked questions. Gilpin County utilizes the JCPH Enforcement Branch that provides technical assistance and we have a dedicated email address for businesses to ask specific questions regarding implementation of the Order.

## COMMUNITIES ARE FULLY ENGAGED

- GCPH is working with local businesses to implement physical distancing guidelines and educate them on the Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Public Health Order.

- GCPH and OEM are working with local communities, Colorado Division of Gaming, and others on education and compliance related to physical distancing guidelines and the Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Public Health Order and alignment with the current Gilpin County Variance for casinos.
- GCPH is working with outdoor recreation districts and other organizations to facilitate the implementation of social distancing guidelines and the Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Public Health Order.

## MITIGATION DURING ALL PHASES OF THE COVID19 RESPONSE

GCPH will monitor all available data, and if the following conditions are present, a determination on a rollback to stricter public health measures will be considered:

- 20% increase in positive cases in 3-day rolling average over a 14-day period;
- A substantial increase in hospitalizations directly related to COVID19 over a 2-week period;
- Inability of GCPH to contact trace new cases within 24 hours of a known positive test result.

Casinos will continue to monitor and enforce mask orders and social distancing protocols for their staff and guests. Each casino will be required to have at least one staff member on duty devoted only to ensuring compliance with all requirements to minimize spread of COVID 19. Each casino be treated as a separate and individual entity for purposes of managing COVID rather than grouping all casinos as aggregate. Any outbreak of 2 or more cases at a casino will be treated individually, where Gilpin County Public Health, Commissioners and OEM will mitigate action plans to curb any further risk to the community. Corrective action plans include:

- Reducing capacity levels to Safer at Home limits.
- Closing table games
- Increased cleaning
- Adding face shields to masks for staff
- Cohorting staff
- One-way walking paths
- Closure of casino (last resort)

For each casino, public health will monitor:

- Case numbers
- Number of contacts per case
- percent positivity for each site on the testing

## GILPIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS SUPPORT - PPE

Gilpin County Public Health and Office of Emergency Management have been working with our neighboring Counties and State EOC to ensure that PPE is allocated and stocked to support Gilpin County for a minimum of two weeks with no back fill.