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**Fremont County to move to Level Orange: High Risk due to the rising in  
COVID-19 case rate**

FREMONT COUNTY-In response to the continued rise in COVID-19 case rates, test positivity and hospitalizations the Fremont County Department of Public Health and Environment along with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is moving Fremont County to Level Orange: High Risk. The Emergency Public Health Order, will go into effect at 12:00 am Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2020, and will remain in effect for 30 days unless extended.

“With the onset of colder weather, driving us all indoors, we knew we would see a certain spike in cases,” said Fremont County Commissioner and Board of Health Chairman Debbie Bell. “With the holidays now upon us, our numbers are continuing to look even worse. We have to do what we can to protect our friends, our families, our neighbors, our citizens.”

As of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, Fremont County’s COVID-19 two-week cumulative incidence rate is 2,258, positivity rate is 11.3% and stable hospitalization rate for 10 days. Fremont County officials have been working with CDPHE and state officials on mitigation efforts for several weeks in an attempt to protect our community without further restricting our businesses. After careful consideration Fremont County officials have agreed to move to a stricter level on the dial.

Level Orange: High Risk restrictions will go into effect at 12:00 am Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2020.

“We do know these restrictions place an additional burden on our businesses and our community,” Bell said. “We have taken that into consideration when moving to orange instead of red, which is much more restrictive. We deeply appreciate everyone’s continued efforts and cooperation in helping spread the slow of this deadly virus.”

Fremont County Department of Public Health and Environment encourages businesses or anyone else that has questions to contact the department at 719-276-7450 Monday thru Thursday 7:00am-5:00pm to get more guidance and resources.

The main difference between Safer at Home Level Yellow: Concern and Safer at Home Level Orange: High Risk are the following:

- Maximum attendees at indoor worship services are reduced from 100 to 50 people or 25% capacity whichever is fewer.
- Maximum attendees at gyms are reduced from 50 to 25 people or 25% of capacity whichever is fewer.
- Maximum attendees at restaurants reduced from 50% to 25% capacity or 50 people whichever is fewer.
- Maximum participants for group sports changes to virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10.
- Maximum attendees for indoor events reduced from 100 to 50 people or 25% capacity whichever is fewer.
- Maximum attendees for outdoor events reduced from 175 to 75 people or 25% capacity whichever fewer.
- Personal gathering size remains at 10 people from no more than two households per new Public Health Order.

The extended: RE: LIMITING GATHERINGS, SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AND ALCOHOL SALES IN FREMONT COUNTY outlines the following:

- Organized recreational, league sports, and student athletics are suspended until the expiration of the FCDPHE amended and extended public health order. This includes organized recreational, league sports, and student athletic events and practices.
- Personal indoor and outdoor gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people from no more than two separate households.
- Restaurants and bars permitted to operate under CDPHE Order 20-36 shall cease alcohol beverage sales to consumers for on-premises consumption and for takeout at 10:00 P.M.
- All Non-Critical Office-Based Businesses are encouraged to further increase remote work options and reduce in-person work to the greatest extent possible.
- Individuals participating in gatherings must follow all public health laws and orders concerning Face Coverings and must comply with Social Distancing Requirements whenever possible.
- In the event that the Fremont County Health Department determines that an outbreak of COVID-19 is traceable to a particular business, the business may be required to close for up to 72 hours to clean and disinfect the facilities and test the employees.
- If the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, or local municipalities have more stringent requirements in place, the more stringent requirement or standard applies.

To help slow the spread because remember to practice the 3Ws: Wear your mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

For more information about our current level and case counts, please visit the state's COVID-19 dial dashboard at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial>.