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Stay Healthy. Stay Informed.

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Response, Recovery and Resilience During this Time of Change

More than three months ago, Governor Polis issued a State of Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Soon after, Clear Creek County issued its original Emergency Declaration, which has since been extended through July 15. Our County goals have been to safeguard the community during the evolving crisis and move into a recovery phase.

Response

To manage the response to the pandemic, Clear Creek County formed a hybrid Unified Command-Emergency Operations Center. Since March, the State has issued 23 Public Health orders and many dozens of Executive Orders, each requiring multiple adjustments in how we as a County respond. Through all the changing terrain, we have acquired large quantities of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and test kits, designed and implemented a monitoring and support program for County residents diagnosed with COVID-19, created drive-through and mobile testing capacity, added public health nursing and contact tracing staff, and tracked every new rule and task that has come before us, all while maintaining a low case count—currently 18.

Recovery

In late April, we initiated a recovery phase which included convening a multi-jurisdictional Policy Group to build alignment across governmental and public entities, set priorities and ensure coordinated efforts. The Policy Group created two subcommittees, Recovery and Resilience to focus on economic recovery and Grants to explore and assess funding options.

Resilience

One of the first tasks of the Recovery and Resilience subcommittee was to help businesses re-open by requesting relief from State rules where possible via a variance process. Clear Creek County applied for our first variance on May 28 and it was approved by the State on June 10. We applied for a second variance on June 15 and are awaiting a response. The State continues to issue new orders that allow phased re-opening while monitoring the related health risks. Currently the total number of COVID-19 cases in Colorado is over 30,500, with over 1,400 state-wide deaths due to COVID-19.

Stay the Course, Clear Creek—Stay Healthy. Stay Open.

As part of the State's approval of our first variance, they attached a condition—if we have three new cases within a two-week period, a mitigation review is required and we may lose the ground we have gained with variances. It is critical that we come together as a community and adhere to mask wearing and social distancing, and that we support each other and local businesses in maintaining high compliance and low case counts so we can STAY HEALTHY AND STAY OPEN.

For more information: [Clear Creek County COVID info](#), [County Info on COVID Resources & Support](#), [County Testing Info](#), [State COVID Info](#), [State Public Health & Executive Orders](#)

