



December 1, 2020

Julie Kibel, Commissioner  
Steve Garchar, Commissioner  
Floyd L. Cook, Commissioner  
Dolores County Board of Commissioners  
*via email*

Mary Randolph, Director  
Dolores County Public Health Agency  
*via email*

RE: Dolores County COVID-19 Dial Level Change

Dear Commissioners and Director Randolph:

On November 20, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notified Dolores County Public Health Agency that Dolores County's incidence rate had exceeded its current COVID-19 Dial Level threshold for Blue. At that time, the county's COVID-19 metrics were as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 196.37/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 5.45
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 4

As of today, the county's COVID-19 metrics are as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 736.38/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 16.67
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 15

CDPHE is moving Dolores County to COVID-19 Dial Level Yellow at this time. CDPHE will carefully monitor COVID-19 metrics and if case counts continue to rise, may need to move the county to another level.

The change to Level Yellow is effective Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 5pm and the county should work to inform residents, businesses and other stakeholders to ensure the transition is completed by then. This process will require the county to implement restrictions across all sectors as described in Section II.D of [Public Health Order 20-36](#), as amended.

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Should the county restore metrics for a less restrictive level at any time during the more restrictive phase, the county would need to maintain those metrics for two weeks and complete the request process described [here](#).

I appreciate the unique challenges facing Dolores County and commend you for your diligence. Preventing the spread of this persistent virus takes the cooperation of everyone consistently practicing good disease prevention strategies and your partnership is critical to this effort. Thank you.

Lastly, if the Department can be a resource for you in any capacity, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Hunsaker Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "R".

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH  
Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment