

ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioners' Daily COVID-19 Agenda

May 27, 2020

LIVE AUDIO WILL BE AVAILABLE BY CALLING 1 (669) 900-6833.

MEETING ID: 522 308 0487

PASSWORD: 522

The Routt County Board of County Commissioners or Board of Health may enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice related to specific legal questions concerning Routt County's COVID-19 response.

1. 10:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

2. COVID-19 WORK SESSION

The Commissioners will address critical items for regular county and emergency operations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Action may be taken and direction to staff may be given in relation to any of these items.

3. FACILITIES

Steve Faulkner, Facilities Manager

NEW HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING DISCUSSION

Initial Concept Design meeting with Mountain Architecture Design Group for the new Human Services Building.

Documents:

[BCC AGENDA FORM DHS CONCEPT DESIGN_5_20_2020.PDF](#)

[2020-05-27_DHS_AGENDA.PDF](#)

4. 11:30 A.M. WEEKLY BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

Presenters: Public Health Director Kari Ladrow and Dr. Harrington

Update will include impact of Safer-at-Home measures.

Documents:

[PUBLIC HEALTH TESTING STRATEGY ROUTT COUNTY.PDF](#)

AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 2020-01, LODGING

Consideration of and Adoption of Amendments to Public Health Order 2020-01. concerning lodging

Documents:

[AMEND PH ORDER 2020-01 COMMUNICATIONS FORM 5-27-2020.PDF](#)

[THIRD AMEND PH ORDER.LODGING.RECORDED.PDF](#)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment will be heard on any item except quasi-judicial land use items. County Commissioners will take public comment under consideration but will not make any decision or take action at this time.

1. DUE TO THE CURRENT PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST CITIZENS ATTEND THE MEETINGS VIA PHONE. Because public access to the Courthouse has been curtailed we request public comment be submitted in writing to bcc@co.routt.co.us. Public comments will be entered into the record. Please indicate in the subject line of your message that it is public comment and reference the agenda item to which it relates.

6. 1:00 P.M. MEETING ADJOURNED

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AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: May 27,2020	ITEM TIME:
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FROM:	Steve Faulkner
TODAY'S DATE:	May 20, 2020
AGENDA TITLE:	DHS Concept Design Planning
CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X ACTION ITEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	
I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:	
Initial Concept Design meeting with Mountain Architecture Design Group.	
II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (motion):	
III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):	
PROPOSED REVENUE (if applicable):	
CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$75,000	
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: \$45,000	
FUNDING SOURCE: Building & Plant General Fund	
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):	
V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	
Mountain Architecture Design Group was the successful bidder of RFP #664 and was awarded the DHS Concept Design phase by the BCC on March 17, 2020.	
VI. LEGAL ISSUES:	
VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:	
VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:	
IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:	



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Routt County Department of Human Services
Concept, Design and Construction Planning Professional Services

Meeting Agenda: 05-27-2020

1. Project Status
MADG has been on hold with Design Services due to Covid-19. Review contract status.
2. Review County funding mechanisms
3. Revise project schedule from proposal
4. Next steps to move forward:
 - a. Tour Building
 - b. Verify validity of 2016 Space Needs Analysis with DHS Leadership, revise as needed
 - c. Define program. Assess future needs adjustments as a result of current workplace scenarios
5. Next meeting June 17, 2020



COVID-19 Strategic Testing Plan for Routt County

Testing is a vital part of Routt County's strategy to contain the spread of COVID-19, protect Routt County residents from the virus, preserve hospital capacity and reopen our county economy. The Routt County Public Health Department has worked to expand testing capacity in our county as have other providers in the community and has developed a strategic testing plan for the months of June and July, dependent on sustainability of testing supply chain and capacity of the department. This document reflects only PCR testing and not antibody/serology testing.

Testing availability has increased due to several factors:

1. An increase of supplies available through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
2. The State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is adding groups of people it can test for COVID-19

Routt County's plan and rationale to expand and deploy COVID-19 testing in June and July

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released additional modeling results from an expert group of public health scientists today, May 26th 2020. The Colorado School of Public Health (Colorado SPH) assembled the expert group, which includes modeling scientists at Colorado SPH and the University of Colorado- School of Medicine at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, as well as experts from the University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Denver, and Colorado State University. Key staff from CDPHE and the Colorado SPH presented information from the model's results.

The report provides an estimate of the degree of distancing that Coloradans have achieved so far. It also provides projections based on various policy scenarios around physical distancing, mask-wearing, and improved case detection and containment. The models are based on Colorado data and assumptions.

Key findings from the report:

- Mobility has continued to increase in Colorado (May 14, 2020 mobility report).
- Mobility, as measured by time spent away from home using anonymized and aggregated mobile device data, was lowest in early April and has been increasing steadily since mid-April.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations have declined in Colorado since mid-April as a result of the statewide Stay at Home order, which went into effect at the end of March.
- Researchers have only been able to measure one week of the Safer at Home policy period, so far. Whether the decline will continue is not certain.

-The estimated net effect of physical distancing, mask-wearing, and case isolation has been to reduce the reproductive number below 1 during the state-wide Stay at Home order, which ended statewide on April 26 and was extended to May 8 for six counties of the Denver metro region

- It is too early to say with confidence what the impact of the transition to Safer at Home has been on the course of the COVID-19 epidemic in Colorado. There is an approximate 13-day lag between infection and hospitalization, the indicator that guides the modeling. Additionally, the change to Safer at Home was not abrupt (e.g., retail did not open until May 4) and approximately 50% of the state's population remained under Stay at Home through May 8 because of the extension of Stay at Home in six counties of the Metro-Denver region.

-The modeling team anticipates the earliest they will be able to make preliminary estimates as to the impact of the transition to Safer at Home statewide will be May 29. The updated modeling results in this report continue to indicate that all control measures available, including relatively high levels of physical distancing need to be utilized.

- Increases in case detection and isolation, mask-wearing, and physical distancing of approximately 65% can prevent a surge in infections in excess of hospital capacity in the coming summer months. If Colorado moves to lower levels of physical distancing (55%), older adults need to maintain physical distancing at the level seen during the Stay at Home in order to avoid exceeding hospital capacity.

- If only half of older adults adopt high levels of physical distancing under a 55% physical distancing scenario, the state is at risk of exceeding hospital capacity this summer. The modeling imply that policy measures should continue to emphasize the need for older adults to adopt measures to minimize their close physical contacts outside of their homes, thereby reducing their risk for infection, hospitalization, and death and preventing exceedance of hospital capacity.

-Relaxation of physical distancing to lower levels (45%) is predicted to lead to a surge in sick people in excess of hospital capacity by mid-summer, even if implemented with mask-wearing, increased case detection and isolation, and higher levels of social distancing by all older adults. Around mid-August, the date at which schools generally open, the epidemic curves under all scenarios will rise. The uncertainty highlighted in this report regarding the current course of the COVID-19 epidemic under Safer at Home will lessen over the coming days. Estimates of the trajectory of the outbreak under Safer at Home will be valuable for making decisions concerning further relaxation of social distancing.

As we move forward to safely reopen Routt County in phases, testing and contact tracing will be a cornerstone effort to suppress and mitigate COVID-19 in our county in order to:

- Support contact tracing to contain the spread of the virus and prevent new infections.
- Track the movement of the virus in the county and identify hotspots of infection, so local officials can assess the need for additional interventions to suppress and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

- Intervene to interrupt severe COVID-19 outbreaks of the virus in high-risk groups, like people who live in group care settings (e.g. long-term care facilities, vulnerable populations).

Goal #1: Test more people living in Routt County for COVID-19 based on new testing guidelines.

On May 15th, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment changed its clinical guidelines for medical providers so more people can be tested. Per CDPHE guidelines, it is recommended that Medical providers test for COVID-19 with a priority on testing people in the following groups:

High priority:

- Hospitalized patients with symptoms (CDC symptom list available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)
 - Health care facility workers, workers in congregate living settings, and first responders with symptoms.
- Residents in long-term care facilities (including nursing homes and assisted living residences) and other congregate living settings, including prisons and shelters.

Priority

- Anyone with symptoms of potential COVID-19 infection, including: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and/or sore throat.
- People without symptoms who are prioritized by health departments or clinicians, for any reason, including but not limited to: public health monitoring, sentinel surveillance, or screening of other asymptomatic individuals according to state and local plans.
- Essential workers.

In accordance with this CDPHE guidelines the Routt County PH Department has prioritized the following testing at community testing location and for on-site testing clinics:

- **Vulnerable Populations Testing: Residents, staff, children, or other people in a care facility or group living setting** (e.g., healthcare facility, residential care facility, school, migrant or seasonal workers, child care, or corrections).
- **Patients who had contact with a suspect or lab-confirmed COVID-19 patient** within 14 days of their symptom onset
- **Workers who provide direct care or service** including those who provide service in more than one group facility or who take care of patients in homes (e.g. hospice care workers, physical or occupational therapists, in-home personal care workers)
- **Essential front-line service workers who have regular contact with large numbers of people** (e.g., those working in grocery stores, pharmacies, food service, transportation, delivery, and other critical infrastructure services)
- **Patients 60 years of age or older**

- **Patients with underlying medical conditions**, including, but not limited to hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, lung disease, and immunocompromising conditions
- **People who identify** as Black, African American, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaska Native, Pacific Islander or as having a disability; data shows us that people in these communities are at higher risk for COVID-19 and related health problems because of longstanding social and health inequities.
- **People from linguistically diverse populations** due to longstanding social and health inequities
- **Pregnant women**
- **Asymptomatic Surveillance Testing**

*Hospitalized patients are tested by provider.

Symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are:

Cough **or** shortness of breath **or** difficulty breathing **or**
 At least two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell

GOAL #2: Use all available resources to increase testing for COVID-19.

The Public Health Department is taking the following actions:

- Ordering a supply of test kits on a weekly basis from CDPHE.
- Coordinating with local Medical Providers and FQHC to identify barriers to testing within clinic setting and improve testing capacity
- Testing people for COVID-19 who need it and make sure they receive test results in 48-72 hours.
- Supporting other medical providers in the community with increasing their testing capacity in order for testing to become a part of an entire community effort

Number of tests needed

The reproduction rate of the COVID-19 virus in a population, or the RO, remains high in many parts of the world. When the RO is greater than 1, the outbreak continues. When less than 1, the outbreak will end. Recommendations from John Hopkins University conclude between 2-5% of the population should be tested per week for disease mitigation. This range would conclude that between **470 and 1,175** tests should be conducted per week between medical providers and public health in Routt County in order to achieve this.

We know how many tests are needed because:

- As we study the virus using modeling projections, we know that Routt County has unidentified asymptomatic carriers
- As new people test positive for COVID-19, public health workers will conduct contact tracing. Contact tracing means finding, tracking and helping all the people who come

into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 get tested if they need and learn how to isolate and quarantine to stop the spread of the virus.

- Using a high estimate that five of the identified contacts of a known positive case will have symptoms or will fall into another risk category that would indicate the need for immediate testing would require additional testing supplies

The number of needed weekly tests will increase as community mitigation measures are eased and more people are identified as contacts of cases with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

The Routt County Public Health Department will work with the identified contact tracing team on aggressive identification of people with the disease (cases) and people exposed to those testing positive (contacts) plus support for isolation and quarantine of people as needed. These actions should keep the spread of the virus down (with a goal of keeping the viral reproduction number $R_0 < 1$).

Asymptomatic/Surveillance Testing

The following strategy has been identified for asymptomatic carrier testing within Routt County:

Request volunteers from community with last name A-L for asymptomatic screening for a testing site the week of May 31-June 6, M-Z the following week of June 7-13.

Additional screening for targeted asymptomatic testing:

- Restaurant Workers
- Continued vulnerable populations testing weekly and monthly (Casey's Pond, Horizons, Haven)
- Day camp counselors, Day Camp Teachers, Coaches, Children attending camps

Testing supplies

For Public Health, Testing supplies will continue to be ordered directly from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Medical Providers can order testing supplies through their supply chain.

Collecting a test sample (specimen collection)

The following individuals will do specimen collection:

- Any clinical provider
- Local public health authorities, including active surveillance response staff
- All Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- Emergency Medical Services
- Self-collection when needed, such as for outbreak investigations and group care facilities

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ITEM DATE: May 27, 2020	ITEM TIME:
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FROM:	Erick Knaus/Lynaia South
TODAY'S DATE:	May 21, 2020
AGENDA TITLE:	Consideration of and Adoption of Amendments to Public Health Order 2020-01

CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION ITEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	

I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:
Consideration of and adoption of amendments to Public Health Order 2020-01 concerning lodging, including consideration of allowing order to expire.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):
PROPOSED REVENUE:
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:
FUNDING SOURCE:
N/A

IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):
N/A

V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

N/A

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

N/A

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

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**THIRD AMENDED STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 2020-01
PROHIBITING SHORT TERM LODGING
ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Recitals

A. Routt County Resolution 2009-018, established the Routt County Public Health Agency, pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-1-506, designating the Board of County Commissioners of Routt County as the Routt County Board of Health (“Board of Health”).

B. Public Health has the statutory authority to investigate and control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health, as well as to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and to exercise physical control over persons within its jurisdiction as necessary for the protection of public health. C.R.S. § 25-1-506 (3)(b)(V) and (VI).

C. Public Health has the statutory authority to close schools and public places and to prohibit gatherings of people when necessary to protect public health. C.R.S. § 25-1-506.

D. Public Health has jurisdiction for both incorporated and unincorporated Routt County. C.R.S. § 25-1-506(2)(a).

E. The Director General of the World Health Organization has declared that COVID-19 constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and characterized it as a pandemic. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has declared COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency. On March 10, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis declared a State of Disaster Emergency and he extended that Declaration on April 8, 2020. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has confirmed that COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the State of Colorado, and community transmission of the illness has been confirmed in Routt County. On March 13, 2020, Routt County declared a local disaster.

F. In consultation with the Routt County Public Health Director and the Routt County Public Health Medical Officer, the Board of Health issues these orders in order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

G. These actions are some of the most available and effective tools to help slow the spread of the virus in our community – and, importantly, to reduce the number of potential deaths caused by COVID-19. By slowing the spread, we have a chance to protect our family, friends, and neighbors who are at risk for severe illness. In particular, this includes all adults over age 60 and anyone with an underlying health condition.

These actions will limit the cascading impacts on critical services due to high absenteeism if large numbers of workers become ill. This Order and actions will help hospitals, first responders, and other healthcare services continue to provide services for those who need them (along with utilities, human services, and businesses) in the coming weeks and months. Collective action can save lives and is in support of the most vulnerable in our community. The more united we can be in preventing the spread the greater the benefit for the whole community.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

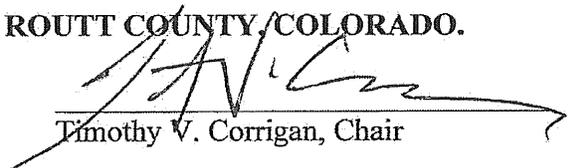
1. This Order is effective within the entirety of Routt County, including all cities and towns within the County.
2. The issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable and necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.
3. All short term lodging (30 days or less), including but not limited to hotels, motels, timeshares, short term rentals (including but not limited to rentals done through direct owner to renter contact, a management company, VRBO, AirBNB, or other similar service), bed and breakfasts, lodges, retreats, RV parks, and camping is prohibited. There shall be no new bookings or reservations for stays occurring during the time period in which this Order is in effect. Reservations beginning on or after 08:00 a.m. on March 27, 2020, shall be cancelled, however, businesses are encouraged to cancel earlier reservations if reasonably practicable without stranding travelers.
4. For purposes of this Order, the following are excepted:
 - a. Lodging necessary for emergency or quarantine purposes;
 - b. Lodging necessary to provide lodging for essential federal, state, county or local personnel, including, but not limited to, essential personnel for the County's Emergency Operations Center and Public Health Department;
 - c. Advocates of Routt County's domestic violence shelter;
 - d. Lodging necessary because it is not safe or possible for a guest to depart from the County; and
 - e. Lodging that is occupied by a local worker.
 - f. Camping on properties managed by the State of Colorado.
5. **Most Restrictive Standard Controls.** To the extent any State and/or Federal orders or laws are more restrictive than what is set forth herein, such orders control.
6. **Judicial Review.** Any person aggrieved and affected by this Order has the right to request judicial review by filing an action with the Routt County District Court within 90 days of the date of this Order, pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-1-515. However, you must continue to obey the terms of this Order while your request for review is pending.

7. **Penalties.** Failure to comply with this Order is subject to the penalties contained in C.R.S. §§ 25-1-516 and 18-1.3-501, including a fine of up to five thousand (\$5,000) dollars and imprisonment in the county jail for up to eighteen (18) months and may subject the person to a civil action for damages.

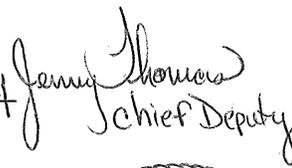
8. This Order continues to be in effect as of 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2020, and continues to be in effect through May 31, 2020, unless extended or earlier rescinded.

ORDERED THIS 15th day of May, 2020.

BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO.


Timothy V. Corrigan, Chair

ATTEST:

 by 
Kim Bonner, Chief Deputy
Routt County Clerk and Recorder

