

## **ELIMINATION OF STATE COVID-19 DIAL RESTRICTIONS**

Though COVID-19 remains an issue of concern, the ongoing state restrictions on gatherings, business operations and individual activities expire at midnight tonight (April 15, 2021). Elbert County's Board of Health (Board of County Commissioners) and our Public Health Department will not impose any local restrictions in their place. Instead, we will focus our efforts on providing the information necessary for our citizens to continue to make good decisions for themselves, their families, and our communities.

Elbert County Public Health will continue to track and report local COVID data regarding case numbers, positive test rates and hospitalizations daily via social media and on the county website so citizens can remain aware of disease trends and take the precautions they feel are appropriate.

As of April 16th, there will be no capacity restrictions on local businesses or venues. Where possible, we do urge businesses to operate in a manner that allow patrons 6-foot social distancing, provide for contactless payments and other measures that are consistent with maintaining good customer service and allows their businesses to thrive.

The Board of Health encourages individuals that may have been exposed or are suffering symptoms of COVID-19 to get tested and self-isolate for an appropriate period if they receive a positive test result. Elbert County Public Health will provide guidance on isolation practices that can help keep your families safe if you are exposed or sick.

The Governor's indoor masking mandate remains in effect until May 4th. This directive contains both requirements and exemptions. We ask that all citizens be familiar with both. Many exemptions are related to personal health conditions that are rightfully personal in nature. When properly used, masks can be an important part of mitigating transmission of illness.

Vaccines are becoming more widely available. Beginning next week, staff from the Elizabeth Fire Protection District are offering vaccine by appointment at the Frontier High School gymnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We urge all citizens to review available data on the efficacy and potential side effects of the currently available vaccines.

The Elbert County Declarations of Emergency related to the health and economic impacts on our county will not be renewed upon their expiration this week.

Elbert County Public Health remains ready to provide guidance and assistance to all citizens and businesses desiring to keep our communities healthy. Please be safe, well, and free.

Where to look for continued updates on COVID-19 in our county:

Website: <https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/206/Public-Health>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ElbertCountyPublicHealth>

Email: [publichealth@elbertcounty-co.gov](mailto:publichealth@elbertcounty-co.gov)

Elizabeth Fire Vaccination Clinic Sign-up: <https://elizabethfpd.colorado.gov>.