



# LAS ANIMAS-HUERFANO COUNTIES DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## April 16, 2021- Las Animas Huerfano Counties District Health Department Board of Health Extends the COVID-19 Dial until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

At the April 15<sup>th</sup>, Special Board of Health meeting it was recommended by the LAHCDHD Board of Health to extend the COVID-19 Dial until May 1<sup>st</sup>. The PHO Order will become effective at 12:00 a.m. on April 17, 2021, and end at 12:00 a.m. on May 1, 2021.

As of April 7, 2021, there are 51 known positive cases in Las Animas and Huerfano Counties; and there is evidence of the spread of more contagious and, potentially, more severe variant strains as well. With cases going up and low COVID-19 vaccine rates, Las Animas Huerfano Counties District Health Department Board of Health believes it is necessary to remain cautious for a brief period of time until more people are vaccinated and cases decrease.

The LAHCDHD Public Health Order (PHO) will be in effect from April 16 through May 1, and highlights of the Public Health Order include:

- Las Animas County will remain in Level Blue.
- Huerfano County will remain in Level Green.
- State's mask-wearing requirements as described in Executive Order D 2021 079 shall continue until May 3, 2021 (Applies to both County's).

As more and more of our residents are protected by one of the safe and highly effective COVID-19 vaccines now available, we are hopeful that we will be successful in our race between the emerging variant strains of virus and vaccination, and that we will be able to fully re-open in the near future. However, as the agency responsible for protecting public health in our counties, we will monitor our progress and re-evaluate when needed.

To enhance personal safety and help reduce levels of COVID-19 transmission across our communities, residents should continue to social distance; wear masks in public indoor areas; avoid large gatherings or crowds, especially indoors; stay home while they are sick and get tested for COVID-19 if they have symptoms; wash their hands often; and get vaccinated as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Vaccine is open to anyone 16yrs and older. If you or someone you know is interested in getting the vaccine, you can go to the **Vaccine Registration Form Online** <https://la-h-health.stg.colorado.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine> or call for an appointment at 719- 846-2213 in Las Animas County or 719-738-2650 Huerfano County.

More information can be found at: <https://www.colorado.gov/la-h-health> or at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>. You can also find information on Facebook at Las Animas Huerfano Counties District Health Department.