

COVID-19 Updates

Colorado Department of
Health Care Policy & Financing

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Overview

Facility Reopening

Unemployment and Medicaid COVID-19 Impact

Residential Strike Force Update

Resources

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Facility Reopening Update

- Outdoor visitation guidance released this week
 - [Guidance for residential care facilities outdoor visitation](#)
- Indoor visitation requires a new public health order, so time exists to add/clarify details

Colorado's Unemployment Rate Increase

February: 2.5%

March: 5.2%

April: 11.3%

May: 10.2%

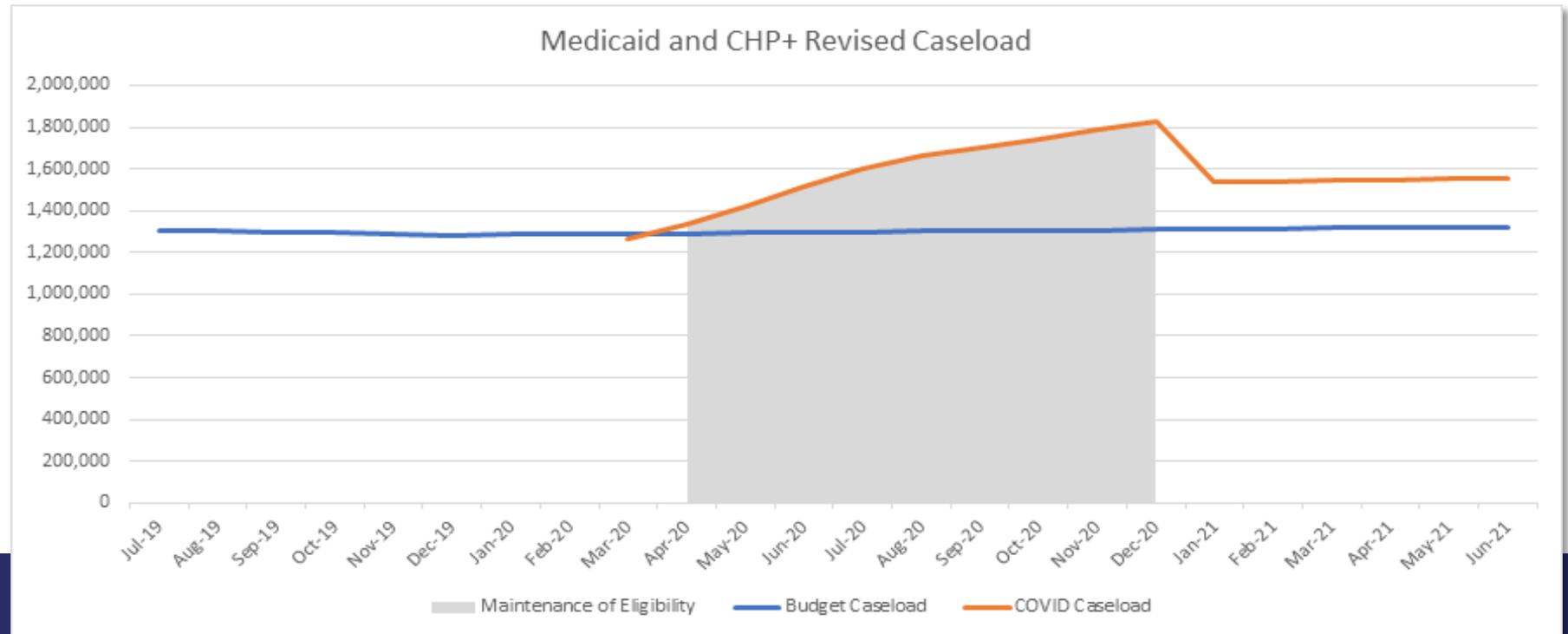
- Doubled Feb to March and March to April
- Highest since state began tracking in 1976
- Prior record was 8.9% during Great Recession in Fall 2010
- Compares to 14.7% nationally - highest since U.S began tracking in 1948

517,000 Coloradans filed initial unemployment claims since mid-March (through April)

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Medicaid, CHP+ Membership Surge Forecast

- Expecting a membership surge of more than 500,000 Coloradans this coming Fiscal Year
- 40%+ increase to the 1.3M members covered by Medicaid and CHP+ as of March 2020
- When the public health emergency period ends (presumed Dec. 31), we project an estimated disenrollment of more than 300,000 members who do not meet eligibility criteria.
- Net annual surge of 350,000 Coloradans



Types of emergencies

- Currently under all types
- Under HHS public health emergency, Section 1135 of the Social Security Act allows for Medicaid (and other) emergency waivers and amendments
- Changes last until termination of public health emergency, or for the length approved by CMS, or at discretion of Department
- FMAP bump is through Families First Legislation and ends the last calendar day in the quarter that the emergency ends



Adapted from [Cross-Disability Coalition \(CCDC\) slides on May 15](#)

Staffing Update

ConnectToCareJobs.com

- As of 6/23, 47 facilities and 502 job seekers registered
- Emails sent Tuesday to 145,476 individuals with active licenses (RN, LPN, CNA, PT, OT) and to all CNA training programs and nursing school contacts
- Emails sent yesterday to individuals on OnwardCO that had identified 'healthcare' as an area of interest

Rapid Response Staffing

- Identified 4 top potential solutions to pursue
 - Recruit recent nursing graduates who have not yet completed their exams
 - Explore utilizing Colorado Hospital Association's Colorado Staffing Collaborative
 - Explore developing a Home Care Agency collaborative to draw from home health agency staff
 - Pursue using volunteers through the Colorado Volunteer Mobilizer

PROGRESS TOWARDS TESTING GOAL

State Lab Testing

Facilities Receiving Supplies

43

Total Test Kits Distributed

15,050



National Guard Testing & Support

Total Facilities

15

Total Tested

2,177

● Total Tests to Date ● Tests Remaining

Total Tests Distributed

6,100

Total Tests Conducted

1,602

Colorado State University Testing*

Week 2 Update 6/15-6/21

State Lab Testing Support

of Facilities Receiving Supplies: 23
of Test Kits Distributed: 6,100

National Guard Testing Support

# of facilities visited	9
Total # tested	1,297
# of residents tested	763
# of staff tested	534

CSU Testing Support

of Facilities Reached: 11
of Test Kits Distributed: 3,750
of Tests Conducted: 749
of Positives Identified: 4

TOTAL TESTING OF RESIDENTIAL CARE SETTINGS

Total Facilities Receiving Supplies

104

State Lab Testing

Total Test Kits Distributed

56,095

TOTAL TESTS DISTRIBUTED

74,313

National Guard Testing & Support

Total Facilities

52

Total Tested

8,464

Total Residents Tested

3,351

Total Staff Tested

4,125

Colorado State University Testing*

Total Tests Distributed

9,754

Total Tests Conducted

5,949

of staff tested:

1,725

of residents tested:

534

Total Positives Identified

84

EM Resource

- Provides insight into bed capacity, PPE needs and staffing shortages
- Data entered daily
- As of 6/23, 103 (45%) nursing homes and 79 (11%) are utilizing the tool
- CDPHE is offering training and technical assistance on using the tool
- Group homes to be added within the next few weeks
- Use of EM Resource to be required per new public health order

Infection Control

Top Cited Concerns

# Cited	Issue
135	Not following proper hand washing/hygiene procedures for staff / donning and doffing gloves
119	Not following proper personal protective equipment guidelines /failed to ensure adequate PPE supply
87	Failed to ensure residents had face covering while staff were in their rooms / when residents outside of their rooms
81	Not completing and not documenting screening of visitors
77	Not implementing proper social distancing requirements



New Questions?

Stay Engaged

Memos, Webinar Info, and FAQs - Updated Regularly

www.colorado.gov/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-covid-19-response

Email us

HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us

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Reminder: Personal Protective Equipment

If you or your organization are experiencing a shortage or outage of personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, gowns, etc.) to conduct essential or life saving functions during this crisis, please reach out to your **local emergency manager** or **local public health department**.

[Find Your Local Community Emergency Manager](#)
[Find Your Local Public Health Department](#)

To report issues in
obtaining PPE please
notify:

Sadie Martinez
Access and Functional Needs
Coordinator
Office of Emergency Management
720.610.1691
sadie.martinez@state.co.us

More Information



www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/



www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page



covid19.colorado.gov



Local Public Health Agencies

www.colorado.gov/cdphe/find-your-local-public-health-agency



www.colorado.gov/hcpf/COVID

Resources

Training for new CMS nursing home reporting requirements

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an [interim final rule](#) containing new nursing home requirements for reporting COVID-19 data, expected to begin May 8. Requirements include reporting information to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system and notification to residents, resident representatives, and families.
- Webinar training for the new LTCF COVID-19 Module for CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network is posted under the Training tab on their web page www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html

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HUD Webinar on cleaning and disinfecting

- CDC and HUD hosted a webinar on cleaning and disinfecting to protect individuals residing in HUD-assisted multifamily properties. A representative from HUD's Multifamily Housing in conjunction with representatives from the CDC and Washington State Dept. of Health presented on their interim guidance on facility cleaning when a person with coronavirus infection is present or suspected. [View the Presentation](#).
- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Managers and maintenance staff of HUD-assisted multifamily housing properties

Resources

Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter Resources for nursing homes and memory care

- The Alzheimer's Association knows that the COVID-19 pandemic is placing tremendous pressures on facilities and caregivers, and they have prepared a [guidance document](#) to assist staff in caring for persons with dementia in emergencies in long-term and community-based care settings. It also provides guidance on the importance of person-centered care - the essential starting point for optimal care.
- More support is also available at alz.org/professionals-covid or at 800-272-3900

Resources

CDC LTC Frontline Staff Training Webinars

- These short webinars are all published on the [Key Strategies to Prepare for COVID-19 in Long-term Care Facilities](#) (LTCFs) web page at the bottom under a “Webinar Series” section. CDC reports that “These new webinars are intended to be a training tool/resource for frontline long-term care staff members.”
- Here are the direct links to each webinar:
 - Sparkling Surfaces - <https://youtu.be/t7OH8ORr5Iq>
 - Clean Hands - <https://youtu.be/xmYMUly7qiE>
 - Closely Monitor Residents - <https://youtu.be/1ZbT1Njv6xA>
 - Keep COVID-19 Out! - <https://youtu.be/7srwrF9MGdw>
 - PPE Lessons - <https://youtu.be/YYTATw9yav4>

Resources

Other Links

- [LeadingAge Colorado COVID-19 Updates & Resources](#)
- [LeadingAge](#)
- [Argentum](#)
- [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment COVID-19 Long-term Care Facility Page](#)
- [Health Care Policy & Financing COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)

Next Steps

Thank You!