

COVID-19 Updates

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

April 3, 2020

Overview

COVID-19 HCPF Update

- Bonnie Silva, Office of Community Living Director

Update on Federal Financial Support

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Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) Update

- Greg Schlosser, Branch Chief

Update on COVID-19 status in Colorado

- Dr. Lisa Latts, Chief Medical Officer

Update of Department Guidance Issued

- Bonnie Silva, Office of Community Living Director

Questions/Feedback

- Responses to top question of last week and opportunity for new questions and answers

COVID-19 HCPF Update

Federal Negotiations

- Appendix K Amendment Approved!
- 1135 Waiver- Partially Approved!
- 1115 Waiver- In Process
- Emergency State Plan- In Process

[Emergency Waiver Overview](#)

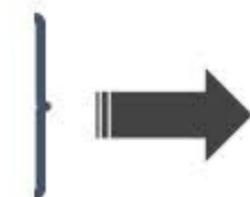
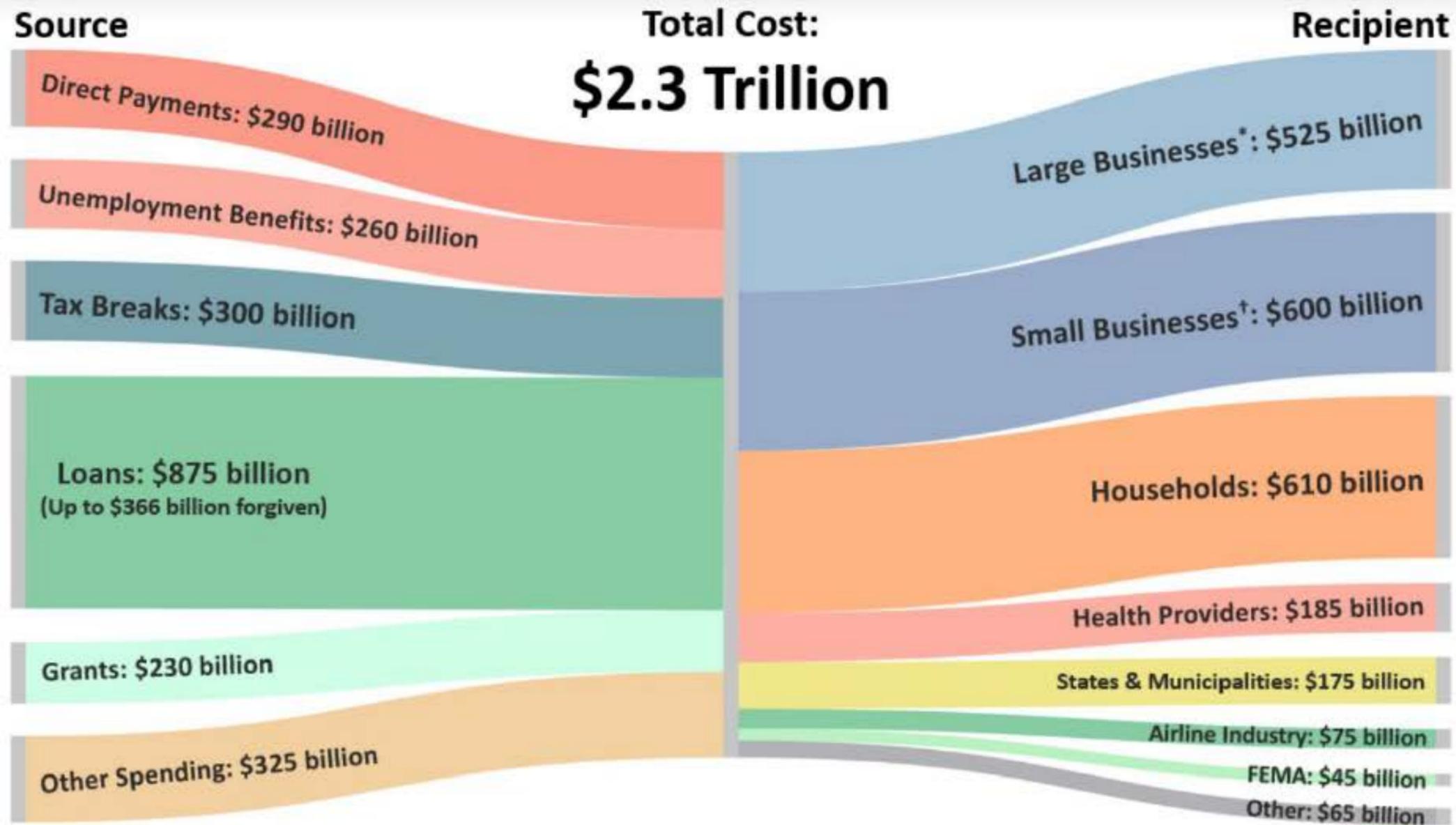
Guidance/Communications

- Issued 27 Communications- *giving information and guidance on COVID-19*
- Hosted 20 Webinars & Engagements

Current Milestones

- Continue negotiations with CMS
- Review CMS approvals against budget and system requirements
- Tough choices. Temporary Rules. Operationalize. Implement.
- Build Capacity to Serve More
- Active stakeholder communications

A Visualization of the CARES Act



Source: Legislative Offices, JCT, bill text, CRFB estimates.

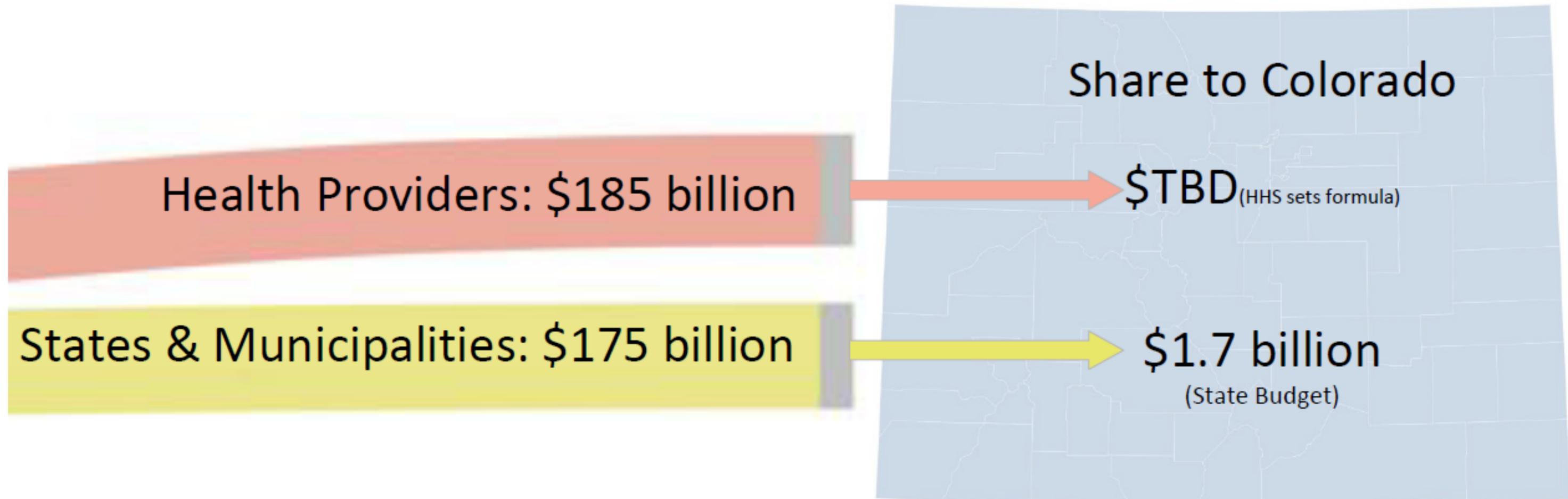
† This includes \$170 billion of tax cuts for businesses other than corporations, some of which are large companies.

* This includes \$454 billion to set up a \$4.5 trillion Fed facility which could support state and local governments as well as companies.

CRFB.org



Health Providers getting direct support



Support Resources for Colorado Businesses During COVID-19

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP--Fact-Sheet.pdf>

COVID-19's impact on Colorado has been widespread and its effects on our business community have been particularly profound.

A key portion of the CARES act is the Paycheck Protection Program which allocates \$349 billion in forgivable loans to help small businesses, independent contractors and nonprofits meet payroll and rent needs. This is a very important economic resource and Governor Polis and I strongly encourage you to review this federal program to see how it can help your business.

The first step in accessing these forgivable loans is to prepare the materials necessary to apply. That includes confirming your eligibility, gathering the necessary records (payroll, rent, utilities, tax and bank records), estimating the eligible amount of your forgivable loan, and contacting your lender to make sure they will participate. You will not be able to apply for these loans until federal guidance is issued in the next few days, but it is important that you prepare now.

For additional details on the Paycheck Protection Program's forgivable loans and a comprehensive list of state and federal resources available for Colorado's businesses, visit COLORADOSBDC.Org. Small Business Development Center (SBDC) representatives are available to answer your questions through the COVID Economic Hotline at (303) 860-5881.

We are committed to keeping you informed and connected as we face this shared challenge. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

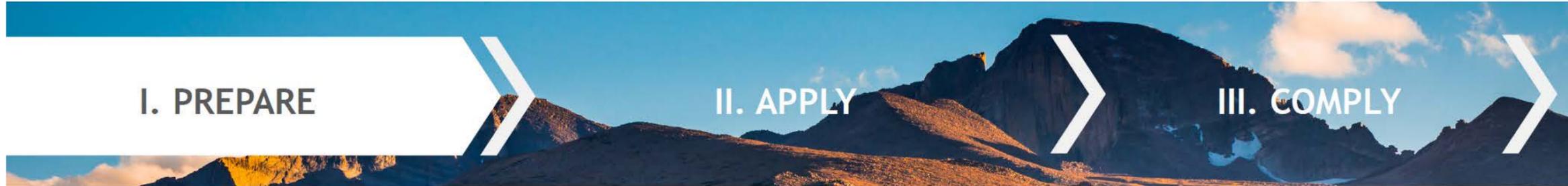
Betsy Markey

Executive Director

Department of Economic Development & International Trade



Payroll Protection Program



1 Confirm Eligibility

Small Business
 Sole Proprietor
 Independent Contractor
 Self-Employed
 Tribal Business Concern
 501(c)(3), (19)



2 Gather Materials

Monthly payroll
 Tax records
 Monthly rent
 Monthly utilities
 Health care benefits costs

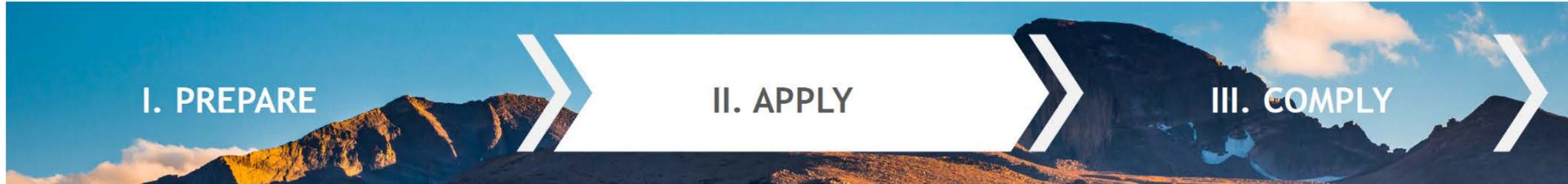


3 Calculate Loan Need

$$\left(\frac{\text{ANNUAL ELIGIBLE PAYROLL COSTS}}{12} \right) \times 2.5$$



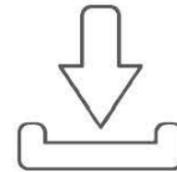
Payroll Protection Program



1 Application Starting Date

April 3rd: Small Business and sole proprietors loans open

April 10th: Independent contractors and self-employed individuals loans open



2 Complete Application

Combine with gathered materials

Find the application on choosecolorado.com/covid19



3 Submit Application

To your local approved SBA Bank

Visit sba.gov for a full list of lenders

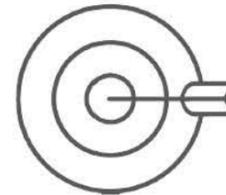


Payroll Protection Program



1 Pay/Document Eligible Payments

Payroll payments
 Rent/mortgage payments
 Utilities payments



2 Follow Guidelines

75% of total loan for payroll
8 week period for payments
June 30th payment deadline



3 Submit for Loan Forgiveness

Payroll receipts
 Rent/mortgage receipts
 Utilities receipts

Update



COLORADO
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Health & Environment**

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

State Sourced Supplies

2,500,000

N95 Masks

1,000,000

Surgical Masks

250,000

Gowns

25,000

Face Shields

1,500,000

Gloves

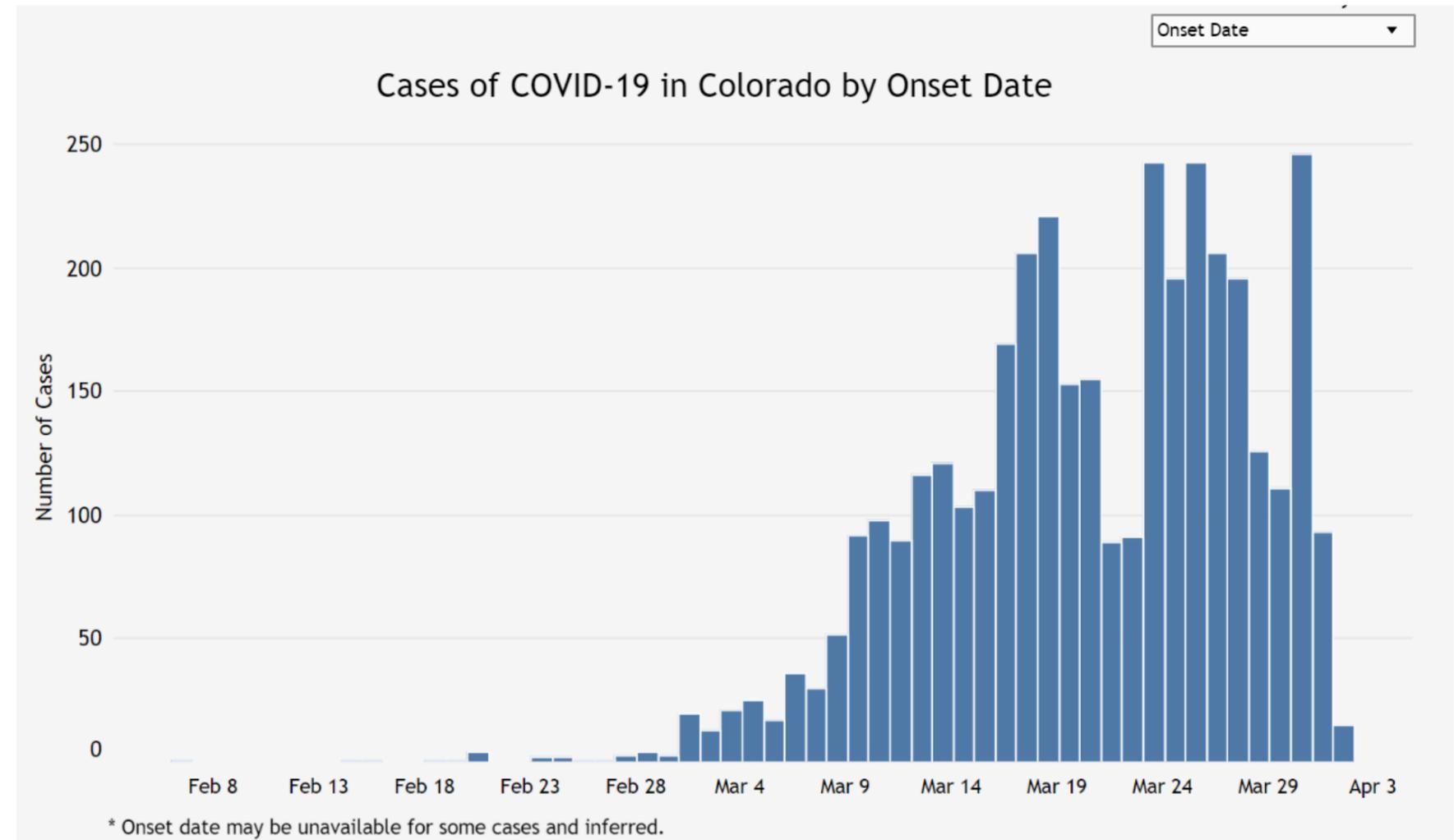
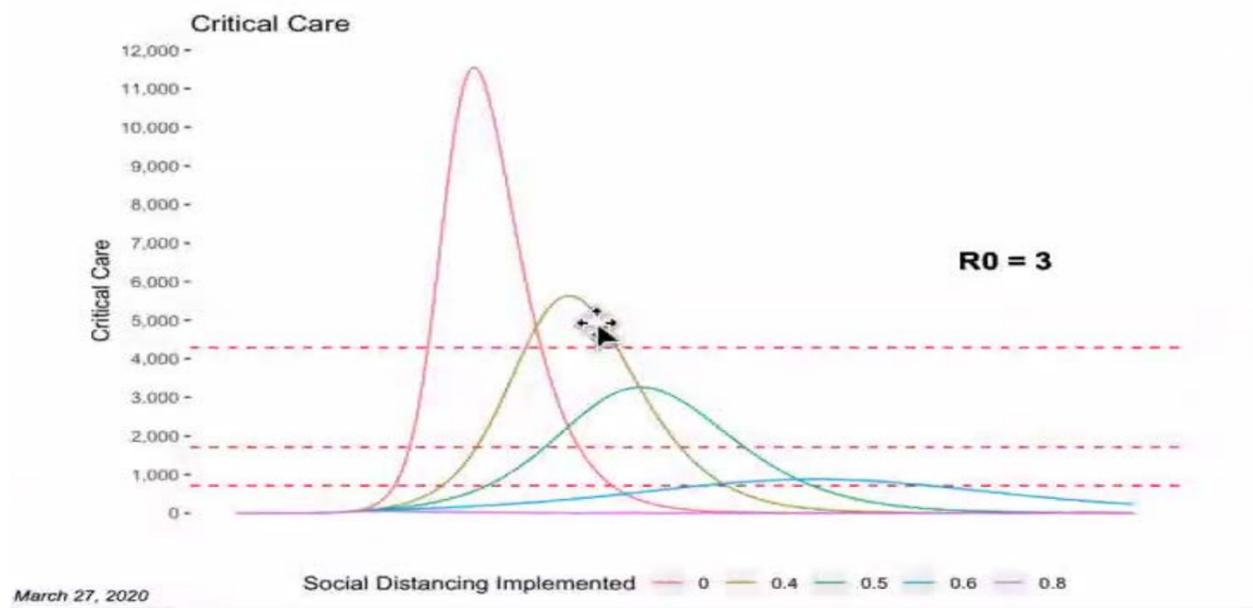
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Ventilators

COVID-19 in Colorado

- 3,728 cases
- 710 hospitalized
- Peak resource use estimated to be April 17

COVID-19 Projections for Colorado



<https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections>

Ongoing/Upcoming Clinical Trials

Denver Health

- NIAID: Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial (ACTT)

UCH

- Regeneron: An Adaptive Phase 2/3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study Assessing Efficacy and Safety of Sarilumab for Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19
- Gilead: A Phase 3 Randomized Study to Evaluate the Safety and Antiviral Activity of Remdesivir (GS-5734TM) in Participants with Severe COVID-19
- Gilead: A Phase 3 Randomized Study to Evaluate the Safety and Antiviral Activity of Remdesivir (GS-5734TM) in Participants with Mild COVID-19
- NHLBI (PETAL): Hydroxychloroquine for the Early Treatment of COVID-19 in Hospitalized Adults: A Multicenter Randomized Clinical Trial
- NIAID (ACTG): A Randomized, Controlled, Open-Label, Trial to Evaluate the Efficacy of Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) and Azithromycin versus Vitamin C to Prevent Hospitalization and Death in Persons with COVID-19

Previous Guidance

Case Management Agencies

Operational Changes

- [OM 20-018](#)
- [OM 20-019](#)

PASRR Changes

- [IM 20-015](#)

Critical Incident Reporting for COVID-19

- [OM 20-022](#)

Facilities and PACE

Infection Control And Prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes (CMS)

- [CMS QSO-20-14-NH](#)

HCBS Providers

Long-term Care and Congregate Settings

- [OM 20-017](#)

Day Program Service Providers

- [IM 20-017](#)

HCBS Therapy Services

- [OM 20-020](#)

Guidance for Program Closures Due to COVID-19

- [OM 20-021](#)

Guidance for Class B Providers

- [OM 20-023](#)

Changes to Benefits & Services (Table)

- [OM 20-024](#)

Telemedicine

- [Temporary Policy](#)

All COVID-19 related memos can be found here:

www.colorado.gov/hcpf/covid-19-provider-information

New Guidance Issued



[OM 20-027](#)

[OM 20-030](#)

[OM 20-031](#)

[OM 20-032](#)

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OM 20-030

TITLE: PASRR COVID-19 UPDATE 2

- Level Is and Level IIs suspended for 30 days for new admissions.
- After 30 days, new admissions for individuals with SMI or IDD shall receive a Resident Review
- New Level Is and Level IIs not required for transfers between nursing facilities
- During transfer, if the receiving facility is not certain whether a Level I had been conducted at the resident's previous facility, a Level I may be conducted by the admitting facility as part of the admission. A Resident Review should follow a positive Level I screen.
- For current residents, Level II evaluations, Resident Reviews and Status Changes, should be completed remotely, using telehealth or other technological means.
- SEPs will not need a PASRR authorization in order to issue a certification for nursing facility placement.

[Link: OM 20-030](#)

OM 20-032

TITLE: TELEMEDICINE IN NURSING FACILITIES, ALTERNATIVE CARE FACILITIES, AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR COVID-19

- Any of the following Health First Colorado covered services that are within the scope of a provider's practice and training may be provided via telemedicine, when appropriate:
 - Physician Services
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Hospice

require an interactive audiovisual connection to the member; they cannot be provided using telephone only or live chat.

[Link: OM 20-032](#)

Top Topics

Eligibility and
Billing

Case Management

Eligibility and Billing

The federal government has said no one can lose eligibility during the pandemic but redeterminations are not happening and are holding up PARs and in turn services and payment. What can we do?

The Department will be implementing continuous enrollment on Sunday, April 5 to lock in members existing Medicaid eligibility and waiver program coding from March 18 through the resolution of the pandemic. Case managers will be able to approve the PARs and providers will be able to bill without the redetermination.

For updates to eligibility issues, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/covid-resources-county-and-eligibility-partners>
For issues or questions, email hcpf_medicaid.eligibility@state.co.us

Case Management

Has the department considered removing the requirement for a completed professional medical information page (PMIP)?

The Department is working with CMS regarding additional temporary changes to PMIP.



New Questions?

Stay Engaged

**NEW* FAQ*

www.colorado.gov/hcpf/covid-19-provider-information

Email us

HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us

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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

Next Steps

Thank You!