

Special Board of Health Meeting

January 11, 2020



PITKIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Agenda

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Staff Recommendation



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Goal

Reduce incidence rate in order to be able to achieve agreed-upon community goals

1. In-person learning
2. Increased transportation capacity
3. Tourism in the winter
4. Economic activity indoors (restaurant capacity, informal social gatherings inside)

Current State

- Pitkin County has the second highest incidence rate in the state
- 1 in 35 Pitkin County Residents are currently infected with COVID-19
- An incidence rate this high will affect the ability of schools to be open, and will lead to transmission in indoor settings
- This incidence rate is also impacting visitors to our community, who might not get sick here, but take the virus with them back to their home community and infect others there

Staff Recommendation

Adopt new criteria for moving into and out of Red Level Restrictions

- Move into Red Level Restrictions if:
 - Incidence Rate is above 700 for 14 days; **OR**
 - If one metric is in red for 14 days and another dial metric goes into red for any period of time
- Move out of Red Level Restrictions if:
 - Incidence Rate is below 700 and has been decreasing for 14 days
- Apply for 5 Star program now, and have 5 Star certified businesses be able to operate at in increased capacity after 2 week sustained decline in Red

What We Heard

<p>Limit all sectors & shutdown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Impact to all workers in Pitkin County- Do not have economic support capacity for this level- Shutdowns do work to curb virus transmission
<p>Stay the course & enforce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enforcement alone will not impact transmission in indoor environments- Protects service jobs, but does not address curbing spread of virus
<p>Red Level Measures & more capacity when we see improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Employment impact to 1200 service industry workers- Provide economic support- Staying in red until we hit 700 was a barrier- so we incorporated the 5 star program into the staff recommendation- We have seen the red level restrictions decrease transmission of virus and lower incidence rates

Timeline

- 1/11: BOH Meeting
- 1/15: Red Level Measures in effect
- Week of 1/18: Apply for 5 Star Program
- 5-Star program accepted by state
- Businesses apply for 5 star certification
- 14 days of declining incidence rate as measured by state report card
- 5-Star programs at 5-star capacity
- We hit incidence rate of 700
- Move back into Orange level (on dial)

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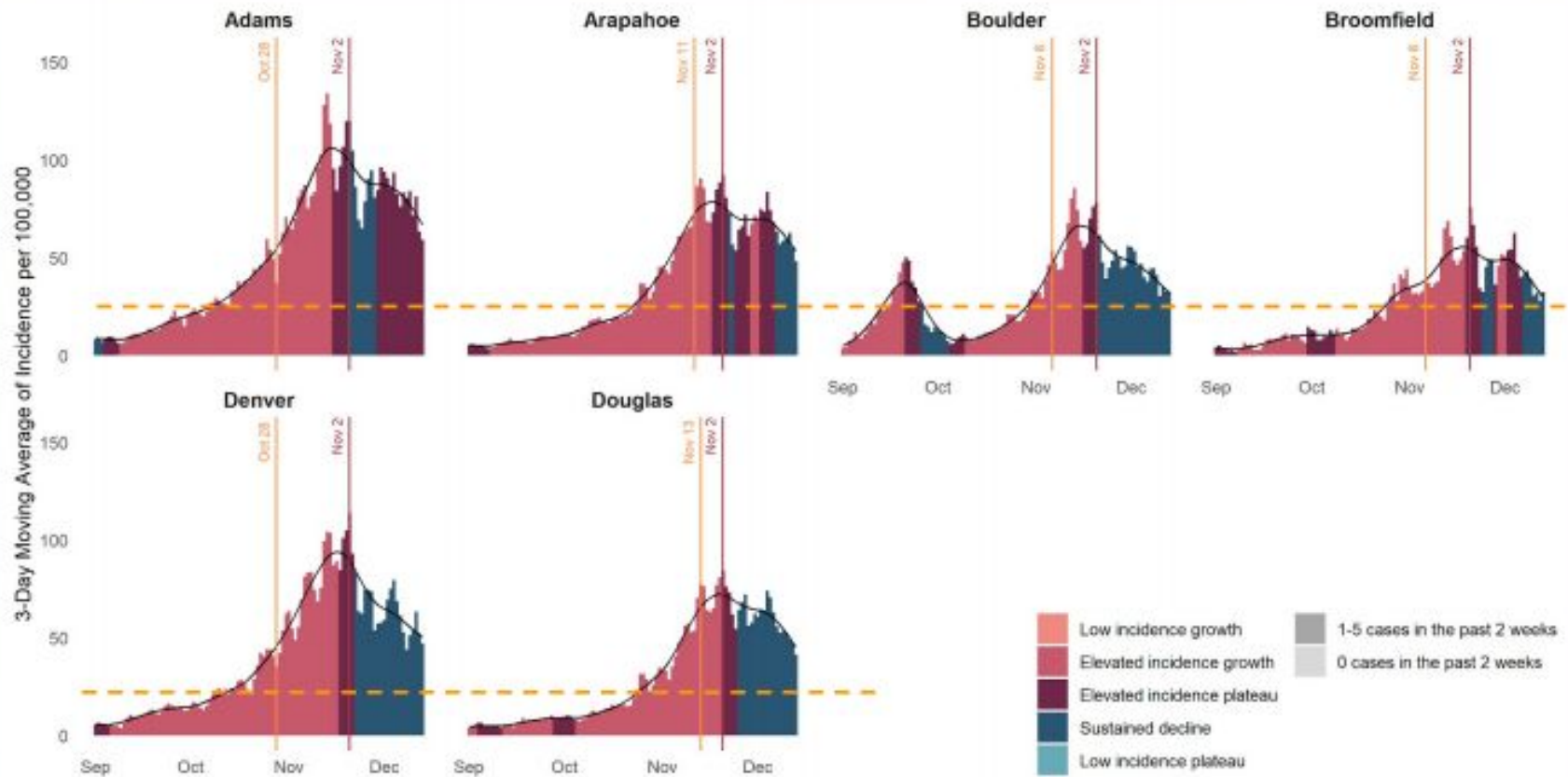
New Public Health Order would be signed tomorrow, January 12th and go into effect Friday, January 15th.

5 Star Program Eligibility

- Counties in Level **Red** must meet the following criteria:
 - A two week sustained decline in incidence;
 - A percent positivity under 10% or 10 cumulative days of decline in the previous rolling 14 day period; and
 - Under 90% of ICU beds in use, and steady or declining regional hospitalizations.
- Counties in **Blue**, **Yellow** and **Orange** levels are eligible to apply for a 5 Star Certification program as long as their incidence rate, percent positivity and hospitalizations meet the thresholds and criteria of their respective Dial levels.
 - Incidence rate = lower than 350
 - Percent Positivity = 15% or lower

Level	Eligibility	Benefit for Certified Businesses
Green	An automatic capacity increase process is already built into Protect Our Neighbors	Increases consumer confidence
Blue	Eligible	Certified businesses can operate with an additional 50 people added to their cap
Yellow	Eligible	Certified businesses can operate at Blue capacity levels
Orange	Eligible	Certified businesses can operate at Yellow capacity levels
Red	Eligible ONLY if a county has had a 2 week sustained decline in incidence, percent positivity, and hospitalizations	Certified businesses can operate at Orange capacity levels
Purple	Not eligible	Not eligible

COUNTIES IN RED MOSTLY SEE A SUSTAINED DECLINE



- Low incidence growth
- Elevated incidence growth
- Elevated incidence plateau
- Sustained decline
- Low incidence plateau
- 1-5 cases in the past 2 weeks
- 0 cases in the past 2 weeks

Mitigation Measures- Red Level

- Indoor Dining Closed
 - Takeout, curbside, delivery, or to-go, outdoor/open air with only groups of own household is open.
- 8pm Last Call
- Outdoor dining includes;
 - Outdoor seating without structures
 - Temporary Outdoor Structures with the following features
 - 2 non-adjacent sides entirely open from side to side and floor to ceiling. **OR**
 - 2 adjacent walls closed and 2 adjacent sides closed, without a roof. **OR**
 - Ceilings, roofs, umbrellas, or canopies with no walls. **OR**
 - Single Party structures that allow for ventilation between uses (e.g. igloos).

Mitigation Measures

- Ski CO
 - Improve mask & distancing enforcement
 - No indoor dining
 - Continue to monitor capacity & implement reservation system if target capacity is exceeded in accordance with the Ski Area Plan

Mitigation Measures

- Lodging
 - Enforce 1 household per unit regardless of when reservation was made (accountability for property mgt. co. and customer)
 - Monitor capacity- if exceeding 50% occupancy, consider capacity limit

Mitigation Measures

- Build Enforcement Capacity for Existing requirements
 - Lodging Capacity
 - Traveler Affidavit
 - Quarantine & Isolation violations
 - Gatherings of more than 1 household (accountability for caterers, bartenders, DJs, valets, property managers, event planners, hosts and attendees)

Increased Communication

- Report Outbreaks- in aggregate or with business/site name
- Report citations/enforcement actions- in aggregate or with business/site name
- Support your local businesses (take-out)
- CDPHE report card of Pitkin County
- Communicate economic support available

Public Comment



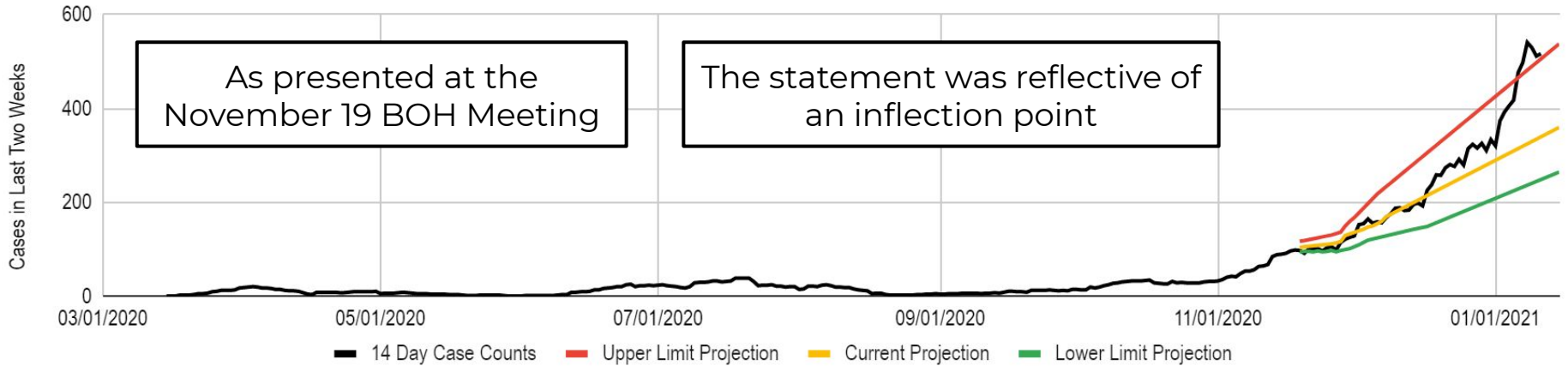
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Staff Clarifications



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How To Interpret Models



What has changed since November?

- Reinfection has occurred
- Vaccine rollout did not meet expectations
- Mobility has increased
- Protected populations have been infected
- Reproductive number has increased
- Holiday impact not calculated

How to Interpret Models

- Understand general trends in viral transmission if strict mitigation is not enacted
- Recognize the potential severity of spread, given a large range of variability
- From the CDC: “Models make various assumptions about the levels of social distancing and other interventions, which may not reflect *recent changes in behavior.*”

The projected model is wrong and never indicated that even if case counts reduced, that they would drive down to a manageable level. In a small county, such as Pitkin County, cases will always naturally level off at some point, but can plateau at dangerous levels. This does not mean we have reached herd immunity, just that we're seeing a natural ebb-and-flow of the virus.

BOH Discussion & Decision



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