



Board of Public Health

September 1, 2020

Protect Our Neighbors Review Committee
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as an attestation for COVID response in Moffat County, Colorado and as a formal request to move from the second COVID response phase “Safer at Home” to the third and final “Protect Our Neighbors” phase. Moffat County currently has a 15.09 per 100,000 positive test rate or 2 total new cases in the past two weeks and a .61% test positivity rate. Additionally, Moffat County has 2 full time Public Health Nurses in addition to 6 contact tracers hired for contact tracing capacity, one of whom speaks Spanish to support with Latino community contact tracing.

Prior to the COVID pandemic, the Local Public Health Director, Kari Ladrow, initiated the Community Infectious Disease Emergency Response (CIDER) Team to solidify relationships amongst CDPHE and the healthcare partners in the community. This group has continued to work collaboratively throughout the pandemic to keep communications lines open to develop strategy and to work as partners in how to approach the pandemic. She also initiated the Vulnerable Populations Task Force for the specific purpose of protecting the vulnerable populations in our communities. Public Health has continued the strategy of ongoing community based testing of vulnerable populations as well as weekly meetings of the Vulnerable Populations Task Force partners from Horizons (Community Centered Board for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, Sandrock Ridge (LTCF), Casey’s Pond (LTCF), the Haven (ALF), Integrated Communities (Service Provider for Non-English Speaking Residents), the Department of Human Services and other partners within the community.

There has been a strategic testing strategy in place since the beginning of the pandemic with community testing; including drive through testing, since March and we continue to work collaboratively as communities in order to support our vulnerable and the community as a whole. As demonstrated by the collective efforts of the entirety of Moffat County towards COVID-19 mitigation, we believe we are ready to transition to “Protect Our Neighbors” because of the diligence of our community members throughout this pandemic.

By signing this letter, Memorial Regional Health attests and certifies they are ready to move forward to the third and final “Protect Our Neighbors” phase and that they have completed a review of the criteria set forth by Governor Jared Polis.

The following is a review of the healthcare facility (Memorial Regional Health) for the metrics outlined in the “Protect Our Neighbors” phase for Craig, Colorado COVID response.

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- ☒ The Memorial Regional Health attests its facility has a two weeks supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- ☒ Memorial Regional Health attests its facility has had a
 - ☒ Stable (No greater than a 25% increase in COVID hospitalizations)
 - ☒ A declining count of new confirmed hospitalizations in the last 14 days and
- ☒ Fewer new cases
 - ☒ No more than 2 new admissions on a single day in the last 14 days.

By signing this letter, the Moffat County Public Health Agency attests and certifies it has the capacity to:

- ☒ The ability to test 15 people per 100,000 of Moffat County residents per day
- ☒ Contact Trace and Conduct Case Investigations for at least 85% of assigned cases within 24 hours
- ☒ A documented surge-capacity plan for case investigation and contact tracing (a plan to be able to trace up to 8.7 cases per 100,000 population per day)
- ☒ Documented strategies to offer testing to close contacts

By signing this letter, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management certify they are in support of the Local Public Health Director, Board of Health, Memorial Regional Hospital and Healthcare Partners to provide ongoing by attesting and certifying:

- ☒ Support for the containment plan outlined in this certification
- ☒ A commitment to support the LPHA director(s) as the agency works to meet these thresholds
- ☒ A commitment to utilize their office/agency's tools and resources to encourage compliance with the containment plan outlined in this certification as well as public health orders, and take appropriate enforcement actions when needed

The City of Craig attests and certifies by the signature of this letter:

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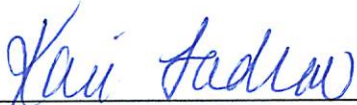
Ray Beck, Chairman
Commissioner

Date: 9/2/2020



KC Hume
Moffat County Sheriff

Date: 09/02/2020



Kari Ladrow
Moffat County Public Health Director

Date: 09/02/2020



Dr. Allen Reishus
Moffat County Public Health Medical Officer

Date: 9/2/2020



Jarrod Ogden
Mayor, City of Craig

Date: 9/2/2020



Andy Daniels
CEO, Memorial Regional Health

Date: 9/2/2020