

Mesa County Reopening Plan, Phase 2 Summary

In all correspondence please note that this plan was submitted on Friday, May 15th and we want a decision the week of May 18th.

Mesa County's variance will provide the opportunity for

- all businesses (critical and non-critical) to open at 50% of their normal capacity, including places of worship.
- Post-secondary education and indoor and outdoor recreation activities will also be allowed to resume fully.

Anyone interested in reopening will go through an application process with Mesa County Public Health. The application process ensures establishments have a comprehensive plan for risk reduction through social distancing best practices and adequate cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

- Public and private gatherings will be limited to no more than fifty (50) individuals in both public spaces and private commercial venues, **except for the purposes permitted by the other aspects of this variance.**

Mesa County Public Health's team of four epidemiologists is well-positioned to manage case investigations, contact tracing, and outbreaks should they occur.

- Over the course of the pandemic, the Health Dept has trained an additional 24 employees increasing their ability to manage up to 700 cases and contacts on any given day.
- Mesa County Public Health has an overall capacity score of 9.7 out of 10 per Colorado's Public Health System Transformation assessment.

Mesa County Public Health will continue to regulate social behaviors, events, types of establishments and facilities that may reopen, and travel into and around the county, to control disease transmission.

- They will also **continue to encourage vulnerable populations to Stay at Home** in accordance with the Governor's and CDPHE's Order. Vulnerable Individuals are defined as:

1. Individuals who are 65 years and older;
2. Individuals with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
3. Individuals who have serious heart conditions;
4. Individuals who are immunocompromised;
5. Children 19 years or younger;
6. Pregnant women; and
7. Individuals working with vulnerable populations or in a group residential setting.

The Mesa County Plan will allow local organizations to open their facilities to 50% of normal capacity provided they:

1. Acknowledge willingness to implement 17 social distancing, and cleaning and disinfecting best practices (as applicable)
 2. Provide a drawing of their facility's layout showing things such as: floor markings, partitions and furniture arrangements that promote 6 feet distancing; placement of signage at entrances and throughout the facility; placement of hand sanitizer stations
 3. Provide an outline of cleaning procedures and schedule of frequency following CDC guidelines
 4. Provide an outline of how the establishment will keep track of visitors to the facility (as applicable). The visitor log must include visitor name and phone number, and date and time of their visit
 5. Sign a statement agreeing to participate while understanding the compliance audit process
- As of May 18, 2020, Mesa County has a total of 53 positive COVID-19 cases and we have reached 242 associated contacts.
 - o On average, each contact investigator has the ability to contact 32 people per day, meaning, on any given day, MCPH contact tracers can reach over 700 people if everyone is called to assist.

Mesa County Public Health developed a community medical surge plan in collaboration with local hospitals.

- On average, the hospitals have enough PPE to last two months under normal conditions.
- Mesa County Public Health has reserved 20% of the critical PPE supplies from the local Medical Cache allocation to backfill the hospitals as needed.
- Mesa County has only had 8 hospitalizations in total, and we have 81 ICU beds with the potential to expand to 125 with 102 critical and noncritical ventilators.