

# RIO BLANCO COUNTY

## Roadmap to Reopen

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Planning for Success  
April 20, 2020

# PROPOSED APPROACH *based on Presidents Trump's guidelines for Opening Up America*

## Decisions should be based on the following:

- ✓ Up to date data and readiness of community
- ✓ Ability to mitigate risk of resurgence
- ✓ Protection of those most vulnerable
- ✓ Implemented on a statewide or countywide basis at Governor's discretion

# PRIORITIES FOR SUCCESS

1. A consistent approach with a consistent message
  - a. It is important for the County to understand the differences in timing based on readiness and capacity.
2. A messaging campaign that brings community members to a place of common understanding and social responsibility
3. Each county in Colorado has its own timeline
  - a. Rio Blanco County has unique needs and a rural lifestyle that lends itself to unique guidelines for COVID-19 mitigation.
4. Incremental steps
  - a. Thoughtfully implemented phases will help to prevent reinstating restrictions due to resurgence.
5. Time and frequent evaluation
  - a. Helps to progress to the next phase of reopening.

# CORE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RBC

<b>TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING</b>	<b>HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CAPACITY</b>	<b>PLANS</b>
Ability to set up safe and efficient screening and testing sites for symptomatic individuals and trace contacts of COVID + results	Ability to quickly and independently supply sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and critical medical equipment to handle dramatic surge in need	Protect the health and safety of workers in critical industries
Ability to test syndromic/ILI-indicated persons for COVID and trace contacts of COVID + results	Ability to transport for surge ICU capacity	Protect the health and safety of those living and working in high-risk facilities (e.g., senior care facilities)
Ensure sentinel surveillance sites are screening for asymptomatic cases and contacts for COVID+ results are traced (sites operate at locations that serve all community individuals).		Advise citizens regarding protocols for social distancing and face coverings
		Monitor conditions and immediately take steps to limit and mitigate any rebounds or outbreaks by restarting a phase or returning to an earlier phase, depending on severity

# PROPOSED REGIONAL GATING CRITERIA

Satisfy before proceeding to phased comeback

<b>SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>HOSPITALS</b>
Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses reported within a 14-day period	Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period	Treat all patients without crisis care
<b>AND</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>AND</b>
Downward trajectory of covid-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period	Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests)	Robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing

# GUIDELINES FOR PHASE 1

## Guidelines for Rio Blanco County

Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with Federal, State and local regulations and guidance, and informed by best practices, regarding:

- ✓ Social distancing and protective equipment
- ✓ Temperature checks
- ✓ Sanitation
- ✓ Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas
- ✓ Business travel
- ✓ Face coverings

Documentation is required of how the County will meet these minimum operational standards.

Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms and do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by medical provider.

# GUIDELINES FOR PHASE 1

## Guidelines for Employees

- ✓ Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- ✓ Avoid touching your face.
- ✓ Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- ✓ Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.
- ✓ Consider using face coverings while in public.
- ✓ Stay home from work or school and contact your provider for medical advice.

**ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** should continue to shelter in place (work from home). By returning to work, employees residing with members of a vulnerable population could carry the virus home to them. Precautions should be taken.

All individuals **WHEN IN PUBLIC**, should maximize physical distance from others and avoid settings of more than 10 people when physical distancing is not appropriate. Socializing in groups of more than 10 people is discouraged.

**MINIMIZE NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.

# GUIDELINES FOR PHASE 1

## Guidelines for Employers

**Provide clear expectations for employees and customers, including:**

- ✓Protecting employee health
- ✓Preventing crowds
- ✓Ensuring effective physical distancing
- ✓Increasing sanitation
- ✓Symptom screening of employees
- ✓Prevent unnecessary contact

Continue to **ENCOURAGE TELEWORK** whenever possible and feasible

If possible, **RETURN TO WORK IN PHASES** based on number of employees

Close or restrict **COMMON AREAS** such as break rooms and waiting rooms, or enforce strict social distancing protocols

Consider **SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS** for personnel who are members of a **VULNERABLE POPULATION**.

*Guidance will be developed to assist in understanding for:*

Physical distancing

Face Coverings

Crowd Control

Cleaning and sanitation

Hand hygiene

Respiratory etiquette

# SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES

## Special types of employers and organizations

SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES should remain closed.

VISITS TO SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS are prohibited. Staff must adhere to strict hand hygiene and cough etiquette protocols.

LARGE VENUES (dine-in restaurants, sporting events, places of worship) can operate under strict physical distancing protocols.

ELECTIVE SURGERIES can resume, as clinically appropriate and on an outpatient basis, at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines.

GYMS can open only if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitation guidelines.

BARS are to remain closed.

# MOVING FORWARD

Time and frequent evaluation will be necessary to progress to Phase 2.

Clearly identify triggers prior to moving to Phase 2. Ex: all criteria met in Phase 1 plus criteria outlined in Phase 2.

*Successful recovery balances the concerns of the disease with the long-term economic and behavioral health needs.*