

## Public Health Update

- The State's Dial moves from a public health order to guidance on Friday (April 16), devolving the Dial to the counties.
- As of Friday, Boulder County's new Public Order comes into effect and Boulder County moves to a modified Level Blue. The County will move to a new Level Clear on May 16. Details in the attached press release. Denver Metro counties are taking a regional approach to allow for consistency. The Public Health Order itself can be found at [boco.org/CovidAprilDial](https://boco.org/CovidAprilDial)
- The new County Level Blue is like the current state Level Blue with one difference:
  - For any gathering between April 16 and May 15 exceeding 500 attendees, such as an indoor or outdoor event or activity, businesses or organizers must contact Boulder County Public Health at least 14 days in advance of the event and submit a plan to the County ([Covidbiz@bouldercounty.org](mailto:Covidbiz@bouldercounty.org)) and have it approved to ensure adequate COVID-19 mitigation and prevention measures will be in place. It is possible the county may not approve the request.
- Please note that there is new Dial graphic from the County: <https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/state-dial-framework/>
- The J&J vaccine is temporarily paused in Colorado after a small incidence of adverse reactions nationally. Governor Polis indicated that the pause would be a matter of days, not weeks.
- The State continues to promote social distancing, wearing a mask, and getting tested. **Governor Polis announced that free, at home COVID-19 tests, via Binax At-Home, will now be offered to all public-facing workers.** Anyone who is required to interact with the public as part of their employment, including but not limited to events and hospitality industry workers, delivery and truck drivers, gym staff, and real estate agents, can now receive an at-home COVID test.
  - Signing up is as easy as having an email address. If you're a public-facing employee get your at-home tests by:
    - Applying to order tests using this [Google Form](#)
    - Receive a confirmation email within one business day from CDPHE, which will include a link to order a kit, free of charge, directly to your home.
    - When you get your kit, log onto a telehealth portal and receive guided instruction by a trained representative from eMed, one of the nation's leading digital health providers. Telehealth services are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- While many of the metrics had been trending up for two weeks, yesterday's numbers actually saw an overall downturn. Here are some of the highlights, including vaccination numbers:

- **Case numbers overall decreasing**
- **Case rates decreased for 6 out of 9 age groups, overall low rates for 65+:** The 18-22 year old age group decreased by 48.6% over the past week. There were only 13 cases among people 65+ in the past week. The only groups experiencing a rise were 0-9, 10-17, and 35-44
- **53% of eligible Boulder residents vaccinated:** More than 145,000 residents, have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. 29.8% of people eligible (16+) have received a full course of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Most older adults are vaccinated:** 91.6% of the population over 70 years old has received at least one COVID vaccine and 86.2% have received a full course. 79.1% of those 60-69 years old have received at least a partial course, 62% of 50-59.

## Other Updates

- Vivienne at Boulder County Open Space – Signage about masks has been removed from BC Open Space, but they're still promoting the message to that it's recommended to wear a mask when 6 ft of distance cannot be maintained outside.
- For Lyons, impact will be outdoors – which is much less restrictive. See the public health order issued by Boulder County, page 8 and 9 are the appendix with capacity information.

<https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-04-adoption-dial-order.pdf>

Press Release:

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