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Teller County Moved to COVID-19 Dial Level Yellow - Concern

On October 9, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) informed the Teller County Board of County Commissioners and the Teller County Public Health & Environment (TCPHE) Director that Teller County incidence rates have exceeded the Safer at Home Dial Level Blue thresholds.

Despite efforts by our citizens to mitigate previous levels, as of today the incidence rates in Teller County are:

Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 358.9/100,000 people

Percent positivity: 9.75%

Two-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 91

These incident rates move Teller County into the COVID-19 Dial Level Yellow, effective **Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:00PM**. Additional restrictions that will go into place include, but are not limited to:

- Restaurants may operate at 50% of posted occupancy indoors, not to exceed 50 people, excluding staff.
- Houses of worship may operate at 50% of posted occupancy indoors, not to exceed 50 people, per room.
- Indoor events may operate at 50% of posted occupancy not to exceed 50 people, whichever is less, per room.
- Outdoor events may operate at 50% of posted occupancy not to exceed 175 people, whichever is less.
- Casinos may operate their slot machines at 50% of the posted occupancy limit not to exceed 100 people per room indoors, whichever is less, excluding staff.

CDPHE will be monitoring Teller County for one week and will meet with Health Officials to reevaluate at that time. If things do not improve, we will move into COVID-19 Dial Level Orange – High Risk which will result in tighter restrictions.

Teller County is encouraging all residents and businesses to help fight the spread of COVID-19 in our community by staying home when possible, wearing a mask when within six feet of others and in public, following social distancing guidelines, and washing your hands regularly. It will take everyone, working together, to keep Teller County open for business.

Additional information on specific sector guidance under COVID-19 Dial Level Yellow can be found in Public Health Order (PHO) 20-36 which is located at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/prepare-protect-yourself/prevent-the-spread/public-health-executive-orders>