The New Safer at Home Dial Framework
What is it and what does it mean for your business?

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• Developed to support businesses and business communities with re-opening gradually and operating safely under public health and executive orders.

• Available Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (English and Spanish)
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• Regularly scheduled webinars to connect businesses with the latest guidance and answer questions live
  – English – Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.
  – Spanish – Every other Tuesday at 4 p.m.
Public Health Order Process

- Governor creates state level executive order
- Directs CDPHE to create a Public Health Order

Executive Order Released

- Created by CDPHE
- Elaborates on the provisions within the Executive Order
- Provides specific guidance for each industry

Public Health Order

Local Public Health Department

- Educates and enforces Public Health Order
- Able to make more restrictive order, but not less restrictive than the Public Health Order

*CDPHE- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
The “Dial” Framework

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https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kGtoAlK9qtU1fwQGUs2yYTWKtc3ocMX/view
The “Dial” Framework

• How to open – or close – based on virus transmission levels
• Simplifies the process as transmission levels fluctuates
• Makes the process more predictable for businesses and the community
• A messaging tool to increase participation in the community
## CDPHE’s Metrics and Requirements - What They Mean

### NEW CASES (excluding outbreak-associated cases in residential facilities)
- **PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS: CAREFUL**
  - 0-75 / 100,000 2-week incidence
- **SAFER LEVEL 1: CAUTIOUS**
  - > 75-175 / 100,000 2-week incidence
- **SAFER LEVEL 2: CONCERN**
  - > 175-350 / 100,000 2-week incidence
- **SAFER LEVEL 3: HIGH RISK**
  - > 350 / 100,000 2-week incidence

### PERCENT POSITIVITY
- **PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS**
  - Must achieve all 8 Protect Our Neighbors metrics and complete the certification process
- **SAFER LEVEL 1: CAUTIOUS**
  - No greater than 5%
- **SAFER LEVEL 2: CONCERN**
  - No greater than 10%
- **SAFER LEVEL 3: HIGH RISK**
  - No greater than 15%
- **STAY AT HOME: SEVERE**
  - No limit

### STABLE OR DECLINING HOSPITALIZATIONS?
- **PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS**
  - Increasing, stable, or declining?
- **SAFER LEVEL 1: CAUTIOUS**
  - Increasing, stable, or declining?
- **SAFER LEVEL 2: CONCERN**
  - Increasing, stable, or declining?
- **SAFER LEVEL 3: HIGH RISK**
  - Increasing, stable, or declining?
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<th>Stay At Home Severe</th>
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<td><strong>PERSONAL GATHERING SIZE</strong></td>
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<td>In-person suggested</td>
<td>In-person suggested or hybrid, remote as appropriate</td>
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<td>50%* capacity or 500 people</td>
<td>50 person cap per activity</td>
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<td>RESTAURANTS</td>
<td>50%* capacity or 500 people 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning</td>
<td>50% capacity or 175 indoors 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning</td>
<td>50% capacity or 50 people (or up to 100 with calculator) 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning</td>
<td>25% capacity or 50 people 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning</td>
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<td>Remote or virtual service</td>
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Levels are based on the number of new cases, the percent positivity of COVID tests, and the impact on hospitals, and local considerations.

Each county started in the dial at the level that was most reflective of their variances as of September 14th.

Counties will stay in this level for at least two weeks.

Arapahoe and Douglas Counties started at level one (blue), Adams County started at level 2 (yellow).

Variances that exceeded the dial framework stayed in place.

Counties will still be able to obtain “site specific” variances.

Counties must apply to move to a less restrictive level but the application is not intended to be burdensome.
CDPHE’s COVID-19 Dial Dashboard

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Colorado County COVID-19 Status

Overall County Status

Two Week Cumulative Incidence
Decreasng or Stable Hospitalizations

Show Level Determinants
Show Guidelines & Restrictions

Protect Our Neighbors
Safer Level 1
Safer Level 2
Safer Level 3
Stay at Home

Two-Week Average Positivity by County

Overall Status
Two Week Cumulative Incidence
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Data is updated daily by about 3 p.m. and includes cases reported through the previous day on weekdays. For weekends, the day prior is reported. A recalculated daily.
CDPHE’s COVID-19 Dial Dashboard

Overall County Status
Click a County to View Corresponding Dial & Metrics
County data may be slightly different than state data due to data reporting timelines and outreach exclusions.

- Protect Our Neighbors
- Safer Level 1
- Safer Level 2
- Safer Level 3
- Stay At Home

Douglas County
Safer Level 1: Cautious
- site Variances: Park Meadows Mall
- Additional County Details:
  - Gyms: 50% <175
  - Last 7 Days: 50% <175 indoors & <250 outdoors

Douglas County Two-Week Cumulative Incidence: 64.30
Douglas County Two-Week Average Positivity: 3.1%
11 Days of Declining or Stable Hospitalizations in Douglas County
Moving Between Levels

A community will move between levels based on the metrics and based on local and state consultation to ensure unique local factors are appropriately considered.

Moving to a Less Restrictive Level

• Counties need to meet and sustain three metrics for two weeks
  – Two-week Cumulative Incidence
  – Two-week Average Positivity
  – Decreasing or Stable Hospitalizations

• The local government makes the decision to move to a less restrictive level

• County must work with TCHD to submit a letter to CDPHE co-signed by
  – The local public health agency
  – All hospitals within the county
  – A majority of county commissioners
Moving Between Levels

Moving to a More Restrictive Level

• County must consult with CDPHE if out of compliance with any of the three metrics for a two-week period

• Two-week period is a grace period. If compliance is restored within that timeframe, no further action is needed

• If compliance is not restored, CDPHE will assess whether local trends are improving, the risk to the community, and the strength of local mitigation efforts.

• After considering all of these factors, CDPHE will either:
  – 1. Provide an extension for another 2-week period to remain in the same dial level while continuing existing local mitigation strategies,
  – 2. Provide an extension, on the condition that additional, specifically defined local mitigation strategies are put in place, or
  – 3. Require the county to transition to a more restrictive level
• The new framework replaces most variances
• It is easier to meet the metric thresholds to qualify for Level 1 than the thresholds set in the original variance process
• While general variances for sectors like restaurants or gyms are replaced by the dial framework, CDPHE will still consider applications for site-specific variances for unique facilities, like zoos, theaters, or other extra large venues or events
• Venues must be 30,000+ square feet
• Variance requests must conform to CDPHE requirements, and be submitted by the LPHA.

• Q&A About Site-specific Variances
Regularly Scheduled Back to Business Webinar
- Fridays at 10:30 a.m. (English), Every other Tuesday at 4 p.m. (Spanish)
- Zoom Registration: English, Spanish
- Ask questions live and here from other similarly situated businesses

Technical Assistance from the Business Re-Opening Task Force
- Email: covidbusinessrecovery@tchd.org
- 720-713-6030
- Support in Spanish available

Check out CDPHE’s and TCHD’s websites for the latest information and innovative guidance
- www.tchd.org/BusinessSupport
Businesses can partner with Tri-County Health Department on the Healthy Staffing Project. This free pilot project will increase your customers’ confidence as we start to move indoors more for the fall and winter seasons.

- **Space and funding is limited** please contact Jennifer Tellis, jtellis@tchd.org.

**Recipients will receive:**

- Free $$$ branded face masks – with your company’s logo
- Opportunities to host free $$$ onsite flu shots
- Additional $$$ funding to support engagement in the project’s activities
- Promotional materials including a Healthy Staffing certificate and window clings
- Special access to resources and policy templates that can be adapted to fit your business

*Benefits can reach your patrons as well!*