

Dear Neighbors,

You might have heard or read in the news recently that 11 new cases of COVID-19 infections were identified in the mid-Valley. This number includes Eagle County residents. Given the small size of our county within the RFV, it is possible you know someone who is part of or has been in contact with this cluster of cases. The county released this statement regarding the cluster:

https://www.eaglecounty.us/PublicHealth/News/Public_Health_officials_responding_to_clusters_of_illness,_urging_precautions/

The county's public health orders regarding isolation and quarantine of infected and exposed people has not changed. It is critical that these orders are followed to the letter to avoid infecting others.

Nonetheless, the county has acknowledged challenges with enforcing the public health orders. Thus, it is critical that we all continue to protect ourselves and our loved ones by continuing to make the "Five Commitments of Containment." These are:

- I will maintain 6 feet of physical distance.
- I will wash my hands often.
- I will cover my face in public.
- I will stay home when I am sick.
- I will get tested immediately if I have symptoms.

If you are healthy it is not necessary to wear a mask outdoors while walking/hiking/biking when you are alone or with household members. However, when meeting neighbors on the street and engaging in lengthy chats, please continue to pull your mask on and maintain 6 feet of physical distance. Also if you are sick with any respiratory or gastro-intestinal illness, please refrain from gathering at the pool/tennis court/playground.

An enormous amount of more specific guidance about keeping yourself safe and to identify resources for cash, food, or other assistance is available at:

<http://www.ecemergency.org/>

<https://covid19.pitkincounty.com/>

<https://www.garfield-county.com/>

We do not need to live in fear, just caution. Our wonderful neighborhood has been built on community spirit and caring for one another. Let's please continue to care for one another by committing to these simple acts of kindness, and by acknowledging that we have many older people and people with chronic diseases who are vulnerable to severe illness or even death if they contract COVID-19.

Our pool will remain open at this time. The Eagle County guidelines (link above) as well as the State of Colorado and the CDC, indicate we may open our pool at 50% capacity or 50 people which ever is less.

This is to protect each of us. The only common area that is an issue is the restroom. Each user will be responsible for sanitizing the restroom after (if) they use it. Please bring your own lawn chairs or furniture you desire and take it home with you at the conclusion of your session. Many Associations in the area have not opened their pools, and one is requiring reservations and no guests. Please be responsible (like I know everyone is) for your self and look out for others. Please share this information with your guests, you are responsible for them, and please share this with renters.

Thank you,

Dave Everett

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