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Gov. Polis Provides Update on State Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

DENVER - Governor Jared Polis provided an update on the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic today. Gov. Polis was joined by state epidemiologist, Dr. Rachel Herlihy. As of today, nearly 1 in 100 Coloradans in Denver are contagious with COVID-19. Because of the critical nature, the Governor and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment are asking Coloradans to do three important things during the month of November: 1) Interact with only those in your household 2) Keep your distance 3) Wear a Mask.

"Colorado, I love you but this is an intervention. Cancel your plans to see others who are not in your household for the next few weeks to avoid spreading or contracting the virus. This is urgent and deadly serious," said Governor Polis. "We are doing our part as a state - we've expanded hospital capacity and testing sites and we need Coloradans to do their part and reduce social interactions, keep a distance, and wear a mask. Let's defeat this deadly virus together."

"We believe there is more coronavirus circulating in Colorado now than there was in the Spring," said Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state epidemiologist.

Dr. Herlihy pointed out that Colorado hospitalizations have nearly reached the peak the state hit this Spring. Dr. Herlihy displayed a video visualization of the [time lapse](#) of one week incidence per 100,000 over the past several weeks. The State is urging Coloradans to do three important things during the month of November:

- **Interact with only those in your household** - This means all Coloradans need to do their best to avoid any social interactions with friends and family outside of their homes throughout the month of November.
- **Keep your distance** - Just because an individual is wearing a mask doesn't mean they aren't at risk if they are interacting with others in close proximity. Coloradans have to do a better job of staying six or more feet away from others.
- **Wear a Mask** - The numbers are clear. If an individual wears a mask, they have a much lower risk of getting or transmitting the virus.

Governor Polis previewed a video that is out online and on television, sharing these three key steps that Coloradans need to be taking in order to slow the spread of this virus. [This and other videos are available in English and Spanish.](#)

The Governor also extended Executive Orders that maintain eligibility for [Coloradans enrolled in Medicaid](#) and the Children's Basic Health Plan and ordering [expedited unemployment insurance claim processing](#).

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