

# COVID-19 MESSAGE TO CLEAR CREEK COUNTY BUSINESSES



**DATE:** November 8, 2020  
**FROM:** Dr. Timothy Ryan, County Public Health Director  
**TO:** All Clear Creek County Businesses - restaurants, retail, gyms/fitness centers, places of worship, personal services, and indoor and outdoor event venues

Following discussions at last Friday's County Board of Health meeting with representatives from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Clear Creek County was just notified of being moved to a more restrictive **Safer at Home Level Orange-High Risk** starting on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00am. We are in Level Yellow from now until Thursday night, and should be working this week to be prepared for Friday.

This level temporarily decreases capacity for restaurants, retail, gyms/fitness centers, places of worship, personal services, and indoor and outdoor events. Bars that do not serve food are closed in all levels of Safer at Home. Personal gatherings will continue to be limited to 10 people from more than 2 households, however we encourage you to avoid all private gatherings.

For more information, including details on restrictions for all sectors, please visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial/covid-19-dial-dashboard>.

This move is due to a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in our community over the last three weeks. According to CDPHE, our incidence rate is above 300 cases per 100,000 and our test positivity rate is above 7%. We have recently seen the largest number of new cases in Clear Creek since the pandemic began. Per CDPHE, our current total case count is 103.

Clear Creek County will remain at Safer at Home Level Orange until there is an improvement in active COVID-19 cases in the county. The more these restrictions and guidelines are followed now, the sooner we can get back to a less restrictive level. If cases continue to increase, Clear Creek County may have to move into the even more restrictive level of Stay at Home.

We understand that this is a particularly difficult time for our local businesses. By heightening restrictions now, we hope to get our case count under control and protect the health and safety of our community, with the hope that we will be able to move back to a less restrictive level in time for the increase in business nearer to the holidays.

We also continue to ask that you **help mitigate the spread of this highly contagious virus by wearing a mask, maintaining 6 feet physical distance, and avoiding all social gatherings with those not in your household.**



## LEVEL ORANGE: SAFER AT HOME HIGH RISK

### GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS

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| <b>P-12 Schools</b><br>In-person, hybrid, or remote as appropriate  | <b>Group Sports</b><br>Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10  |
| <b>Higher Education</b><br>Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in-person as appropriate   | <b>Retail</b><br>25% capacity   |
| <b>Places of Worship</b><br>INDOORS: Unseated: 25%, 50 people with calculator<br>Seated: 25%, 50 people<br>OUTDOORS: 6ft between parties per local zoning | <b>Personal Services</b><br>25% capacity or 25 people   |
| <b>Restaurants</b><br>INDOORS: 25% capacity, 50 people with calculator<br>OUTDOORS: 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning                        | <b>Indoor Events</b><br>Unseated: 25%, 50 people with calculator<br>Seated: 25%, 50 people with 6ft distancing    |
| <b>Offices</b><br>25% capacity  | <b>Outdoor Events</b><br>Unseated: 25%, 75 people (with calculator)<br>Seated: 25%, 75 people with 6ft distancing |
| <b>Bars</b><br>Closed   | <b>Outdoor Guided Services</b><br>25% capacity or 10 people   |
| <b>Gyms/Fitness</b><br>25% capacity, 25 indoors, or outdoors in groups less than 10   |   |



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