

11:00 AM 3/14/20 Update

Primary Information Sources

www.gunnisoncounty.org/covid19

[Gunnison Health and Human Services Facebook page](#)

If you have any symptoms, please stay home and do not venture into public spaces, Gunnison Valley Health, your primary care physician, or the screening site. Instead we ask that you call the Call Center, open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. They will question callers to determine next steps. **Before going to your doctor or the emergency room** please call the Call Center at (970) 641-7660.

Hours

Call Center (970) 641-7660:

Seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Drive in screening:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Gunnison, 220 N Spruce St

Tuesday, Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Crested Butte, 818 Red Lady Ave

Definitions

Call Center Screening-a process to prioritize high risk individuals for an in-person screening.

Screening-folks who are higher risk and deemed necessary for an in-person screening at the drive-in centers.

Swabbing-the act of taking swab samples after a first call center screen and in person screen at the drive-in center.

Testing-swab samples are sent into the state testing facility for testing. Turnaround is 48-72 hours.

Highest Risk Individuals-Have COVID 19 symptoms, have chronic conditions such as: heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, weakened immune system, and are elderly.

By the Numbers

3000 vulnerable individuals in the county.

Via the federal emergency declaration the hospital is working to expand infrastructure.

Personal Protective Equipment order will be here by 11:00AM

6 positive + 1 who is now in Denver

1 negative

Pending tests: 22

Health and Human Services monitored in isolation

Healthcare workers: 2
Public: 25
Quarantined: 0
Test Kits On Hand: 90
Call Center: 200+ calls yesterday
Screening Site: update this evening
Swabbed: update this evening

Yesterday afternoon Emergency Services responded to a call for cardiac arrest. The coroner's office is now investigating the cause of the cardiac arrest. The family's spouse tested positive for flu.

The State of Colorado has confirmed the first death in El Paso County.

Public Health Order

We are working to build up better guidelines for the community. Basic screening is routinely asking questions about fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.

Misinformation

CB News article quoted a CB city official saying that there were 3000 affected. The truth is that we have 3000 vulnerable in our operation.

Emergency Operations Center

State Health Officials are using our community as a model for the state. The crews are working on long term sustainability. Meetings are going virtual. Departments that can are going virtual. We are working to build up essential infrastructure. We are building up our organizational structure so that we have alternate representatives in each position. We want to lean on the municipalities to build up infrastructure. The volunteer base is growing with many folks who have some great qualifications. We are making those folks available to those that want to plug in. Call center expanding by 4 phones today and moving to a larger space for social distancing.

Assistance to Isolated Populations

First and foremost, we ask that you step up for your neighbor.

Food and prescription deliveries have been set up for the elderly populations. Currently all these efforts are aimed at the elderly high-risk populations.

- Call Senior Transportation, who can connect you with someone to help with groceries: 970-596-6700.
- Call Young at Heart, who provides delivered meals three times a week: 970-641-2107
- If you are on Long Term Care Medicaid, speak to your caseworker about Medicaid meal delivery: 970-641-3244

Next week, we will launch deliveries for any of the isolated populations that need assistance with food or prescription pickup. More info to come soon.

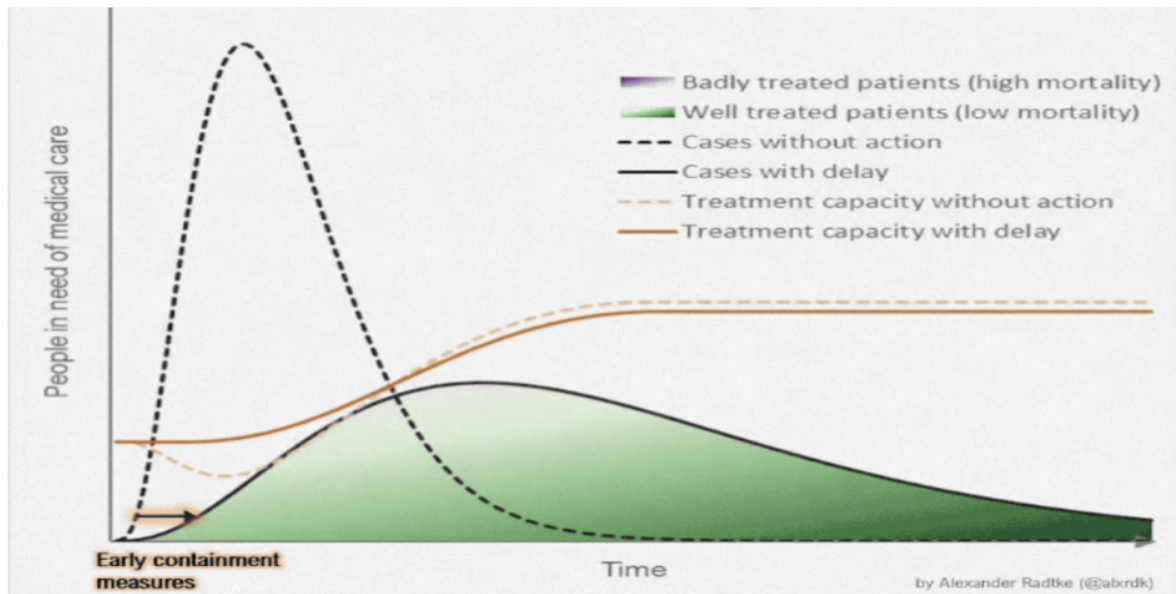
Emergency Operations Center

After 10 continuous days of operational planning and response the Emergency Operations Center will be taking a day of rest on Sunday. Incident Commanders Joni Reynolds and CJ Malcom are calling for a day of rest in order to maintain long-term sustainability. Efforts are underway to build up staffing for a prolonged public health response and incident management. The call centers will remain open 7 days per week from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Flattening the Curve

It is essential that we make the difficult choices now so that we can sustain in the long term. We are having to use our limited resources wisely to help those that are most vulnerable. The 4 positive tests do not reflect the incidence of this virus in our community. We ask that the public take this EXTREMELY seriously and stay home if at all possible. If we can slow the spread of this illness, we can keep the healthcare system from being overwhelmed with those who need critical care. If this spreads too fast, our healthcare system and emergency department will quickly be overrun. Only your actions as a community can flatten this curve and keep enough hospital beds open.

Early Containment Measures



National Emergency

The decision by the federal agencies to declare a national emergency will hopefully bring funding and supplies our way. We don't yet know what that looks like.

Volunteer Information

If you would like to volunteer to assist with operations please review the list below with needed services:

- Picking Up/Transporting/Delivering needed supplies both in town and possibly out of town
- Supporting patients quarantined at home by safely delivering groceries, running errands, etc. so those affected do not need to venture into the community
- Interpreting for Spanish speaking residents
- Delivering meals and other needed items to non-infected seniors at home so they do not have to venture out into the community unnecessarily
- Call Center Staff to assist with answering questions especially with a medical background

For those that are interested in helping, please email or call Arden Anderson with the following information: Full name, phone number, email, and availability. Availability for weekends is particularly needed right now. If volunteering for the Call Center, having some medical training would be beneficial but is not required. Volunteers will NOT be physically exposed to potential patients.

Email: arden@gunnison.com

Phone: (970) 901-5739

Updates from the state

[Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \(CDPHE\) website](#)

[CDPHE Daily Fast Facts Page](#)