



November 21, 2020

Gail Watson, Chair  
Ron Engles, Commissioner  
Linda Isenhardt, Commissioner  
Gilpin County Board of Commissioners  
*via email*

Bonnie Albrecht  
Public Health Coordinator  
Gilpin County Public Health  
*via email*

Jefferson County Interim Public Health Directors  
Jefferson County Public Health  
*via email*

RE: Gilpin County COVID-19 Dial Level Change

Dear Commissioners, Ms. Albrecht and Jefferson County Interim Directors:

On November 10, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notified Gilpin County Public Health that the county's incidence rates exceeded Level Green and as such, the county would be moved to Level Yellow to facilitate additional restrictions in order to reduce viral transmission. At that time, the county's COVID-19 metrics were as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 273.53/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 7.77%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 17

As of today, the county's COVID-19 metrics are as follows:

- Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 514.88/100,000 people
- Percent positivity: 9.74%
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 32

Given the increase in incidence rate, case count and percent testing positivity, an implementation of additional restrictions is warranted at this time. As such, CDPHE is moving Gilpin County to COVID-19 Dial Level Orange.

Gilpin County Dial Change - Level Yellow to Level Orange  
November 20, 2020

The change from Level Yellow to Level Orange is effective Monday, November 23, 2020 at 5pm and the county should work to inform residents, businesses and other stakeholders to ensure the transition is completed by then. This process will require the county to implement restrictions across all sectors as described in Section II.E of [Public Health Order 20-36](#), as amended.

Should the county restore metrics for a less restrictive level at any time during the more restrictive phase, the county would need to maintain those metrics for two weeks and complete the request process described [here](#).

I appreciate the unique challenges facing Gilpin County and commend you for your diligence. Preventing the spread of this persistent virus takes the cooperation of everyone consistently practicing good disease prevention strategies and your partnership is critical to this effort. Thank you.

Lastly, if we can be a resource for you in any capacity, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Hunsaker Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH  
Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment