

**LARIMER COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
SITUATION REPORT**

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**INCIDENT INFORMATION:**

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**REPORT DATE/TIME:** 05/17/2020 1400 MST

**INCIDENT NAME:** Larimer County COVID-19 Response

**INCIDENT START DATE/TIME:** 03/09/2020 11:00MST

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Larimer County

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**CURRENT SITUATION:**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Larimer County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated for 70 days and continues to respond to the effects of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

The CO Department of Public Health and Environment issued a Public Health Order based upon the Governor’s Office “Safer at Home” Order on April 27, 2020. Because each county has different requirements and guidelines in addition to the state orders, the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE) has provided detailed information for Larimer County organizations and community members which can be found on the [larimer.org/coronavirus](http://larimer.org/coronavirus) website by clicking on “Safer At Home Phase.”

As part of the Safer at Home Order, Larimer County needed to create a Suppression Plan, outlining how the county will continue to monitor the effects of the virus and how the county will adjust our response if/when we see a resurgence of the virus in our community. The Suppression Plan was finalized this week and was presented to the Board of Health on Friday (5/15) afternoon. The Board of Health approved the plan, along with our local hospital systems.



Additionally, as part of the Safer at Home Order, a variance request must be submitted to CDPHE if the county believes that any part of the order's restrictions should be lifted. This request must provide the data needed to support re-opening and the restrictions that will be in place when businesses are allowed to re-open to continue to slow the spread of the virus. Our Economic Development partners have worked with the business community over the last two weeks to develop best practice suggestions for how businesses can begin to re-open. In many cases, modifications will need to be made to how we are used to doing business, but this collaboration has brought forth multiple excellent suggestions for how to do this in a manner that benefits business owners and workers while keeping the community as safe as possible. Business checklists have been created to assist within each business sector as they begin to re-open.

Larimer County personnel created a variance request this week for CDPHE to consider. This request was reviewed by our hospital systems and the Board of Health on Friday. Once approved, Larimer will send the variance request with the Suppression Plan to CDPHE for consideration. We are told it will take approximately 3 days to get an answer to the request. A second reason to send the variance request now, instead of waiting to hear from the Governor's Office on May 27<sup>th</sup>, is that the request may provide the state ideas from our business community about ways in which we can re-open safely that could then be included in the state's guidance. The Board of Commissioners and hospital systems have already provided their approval of the variance request, therefore the Larimer County variance request is expected to be sent to CDPHE upon approval by the Board of Health.

Alternate Care Site (ACS) at the Ranch: UCHealth has agreed to be the medical system over the Ranch ACS and has been working with the State of Colorado on the key positions required for the medical oversight and direction. Daily conference calls have begun between the State of Colorado Project Management Team and key officials from Larimer County and UCHealth to work through the tasks that are still required to get the Alternate Care Site functioning by the target date of June 11th.

Testing: Testing continues at the CSU site on Tuesdays and Fridays each week, with persons who want to receive testing needing to pre-register. Testing for asymptomatic individuals is also now available for those who meet one the following:

1. Contacts of presumptive positive cases (someone who spent 10 or more minutes with a known positive)
2. Pre-surgical folks, new guidance outlines that they need to have a negative test result before entering into their surgery.

Persons who meet the above criteria and want to receive testing will also need to pre-register. 55 people were registered for testing on Friday. We are seeing many people cancel because the county has multiple different means of testing. The good news is that anyone who needs a test in the county is able to receive one right now and results are coming in within 24 hours.

Asymptomatic persons with no exposure and no symptoms are not being tested at the CSU site. This site is available for testing operations until July 31st, at which time availability will be re-evaluated with CSU. People can register at [larimer.org/community-testing](http://larimer.org/community-testing).

Testing continues to be available for first responders, healthcare workers, critical infrastructure personnel, and Tier 2 patients needing testing (on a case-by-case basis). An online registration form has been posted on Larimer County's website and is available to take patient registrations: [www.larimer.org/testing](http://www.larimer.org/testing). LCDHE has trained a number of staff to conduct specimen collections as well.

Recovery: A conference call was held with all city managers and the county manager on Friday afternoon to review the draft structure of the Recovery Collaborative and determine next steps for the group. This structure will be operating cross-sectorally and will be an ongoing collaborative effort. Efforts will focus on identifying who best fits into each of the task force areas identified.

The following outlines the proposed structure of the recovery collaborative. Any partners or community members wishing to get involved should contact Laura Levy at [laura@larimerrecovers.com](mailto:laura@larimerrecovers.com).

### **Recovery Group - Core Structure**

- Recovery Manager - (director of group, project management & communication)
- Executive Board - (small governing committee & fundraising fiscal partner)
- Task Forces - (each task force has a lead convener and area of focus has an elected official champion)
- Subcommittees - (to be identified as needed by task forces)

**Task Forces by Areas of Focus** (cross-sector partners: county departments, private sector, municipal partners, non-profits, chambers, coalitions, community stakeholders)

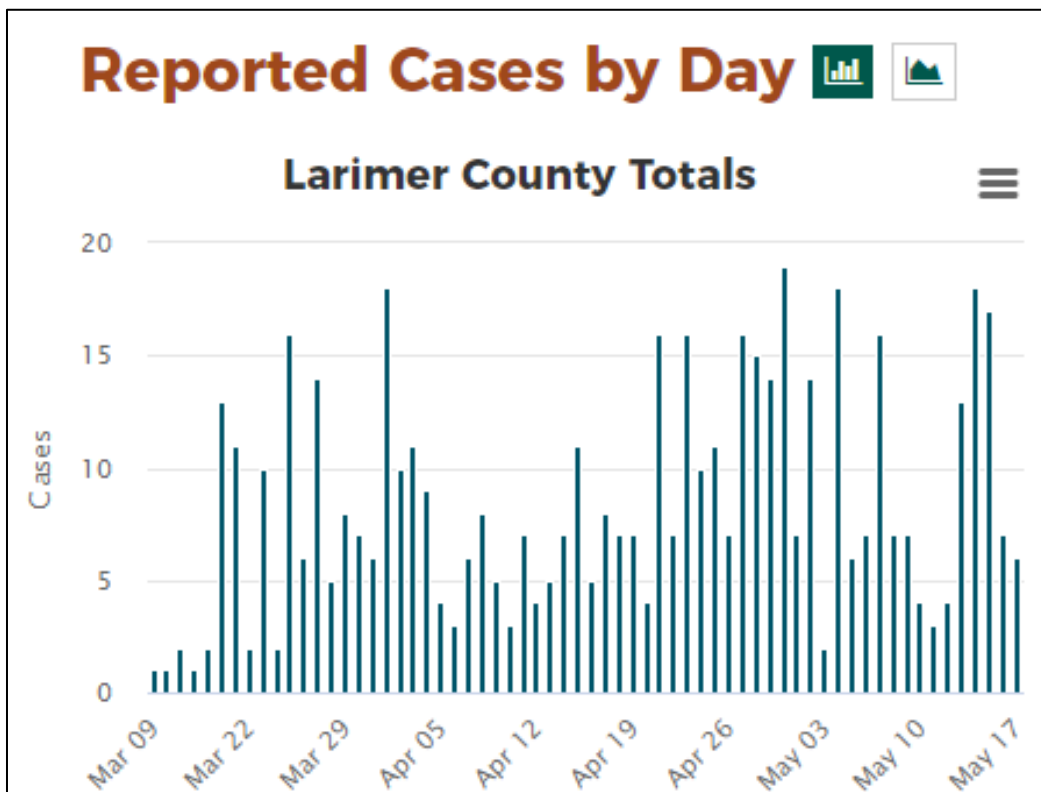
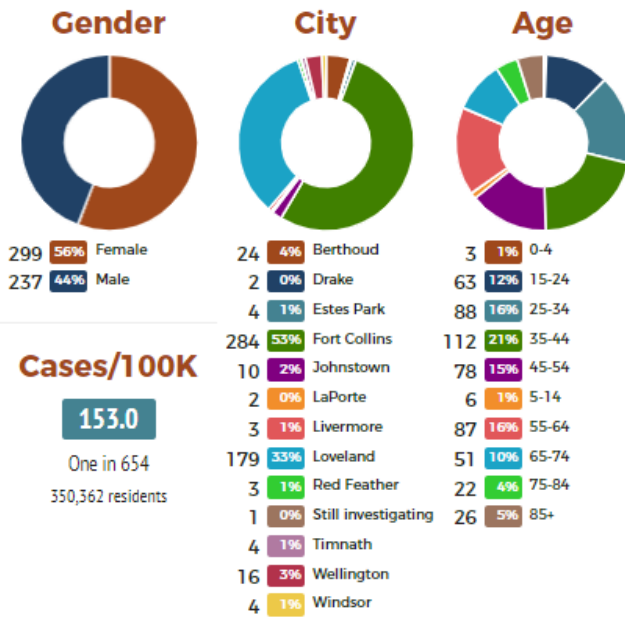
- ❖ Workforce and Business Services
  - Small Business Support Task Force
  - Economic Development Task Force
  - Workforce and Employment Task Force
  - Agricultural and Farming Task Force
- ❖ Housing and Human Services
  - Food and Essential Needs Task Force
  - Early Learning & Childcare Services Task Force
  - Housing Stability and Homelessness Task Force
  - Healthcare Access Task Force
  - Aging Adult Services Task Force
- ❖ Government, Education and Policy
  - County Operations and Programs Task Force
  - Municipal Operations and Programs Task Force
  - K-12 Educational Systems Task Force
  - Higher Education Task Force
- ❖ Community Support Services
  - Social Equity and Inclusion Task Force
  - Behavioral Health Services Task Force
  - Voluntary Agencies and Non-Profit Support Task Force

**RISK AND EXPOSURE:**

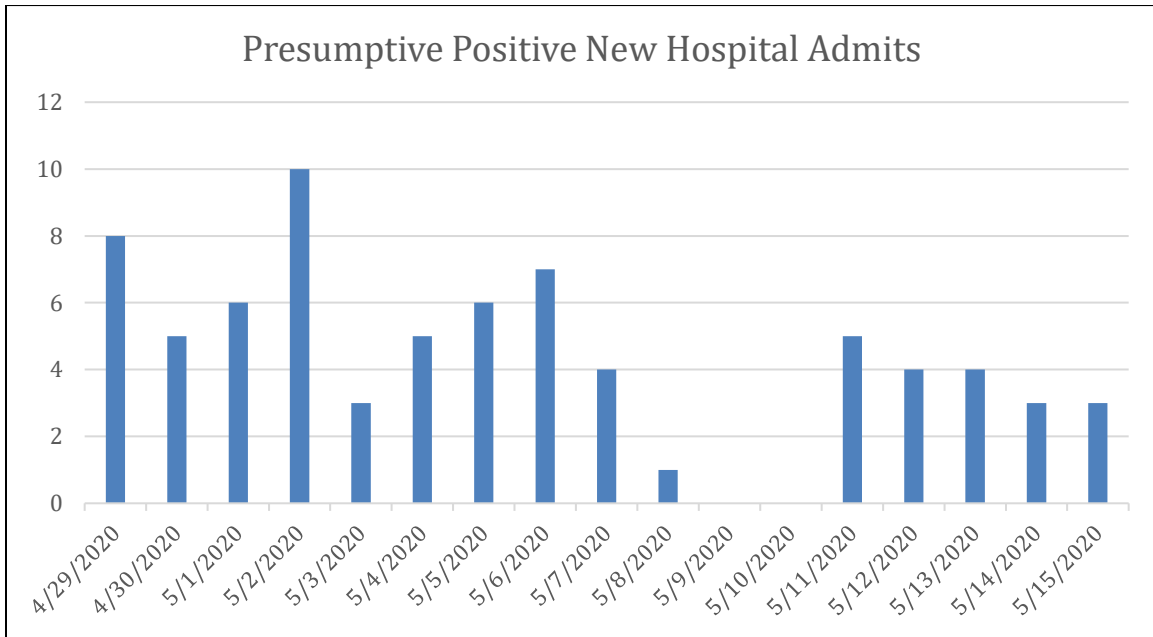
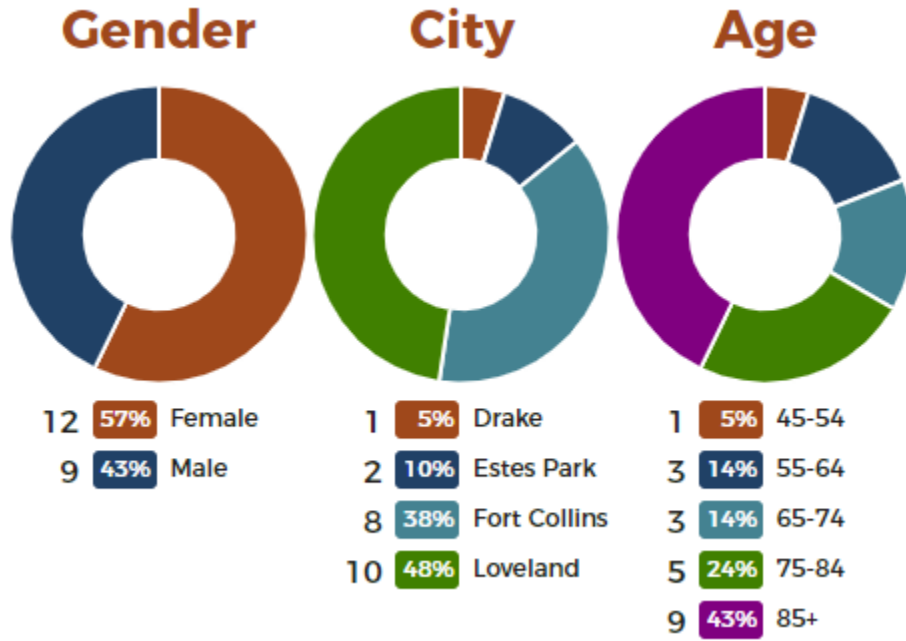
**Responders:** Three responders have requested assistance with quarantine due to exposure to patients with positive test results. All three are now cleared.

**Civilians:** Larimer currently has 536 positive test results, 21 fatalities which includes probable COVID-related deaths.

**Safety Considerations:** Basic hygiene – washing hands, social distancing, etc.



## LARIMER COUNTY COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS



\* 5/3/2020 and 5/7/2020 have incomplete data and do not include all hospitals in Larimer County. No data was provided for the weekend of 5/9 and 5/10.

# COVID - 19 Colorado Case Summary

Data is updated daily by about 4 p.m. and includes cases reported through the previous day.



21,938 Cases	3,872 Hospitalized	60 Counties	126,330 People Tested	1,215 Deaths Among Cases	878 Deaths Due to COVID-19	223 Outbreaks
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## Colorado Case Counts by County

Adams	2,613	Kit Carson	26
Alamosa	41	La Plata	68
Arapahoe	3,703	Lake	26
Archuleta	8	Larimer	489
Baca	12	Las Animas	4
Bent	1	Lincoln	3
Boulder	844	Logan	487
Broomfield	211	Mesa	50
Chaffee	69	Mineral	2
Cheyenne	5	Moffat	6
Clear Creek	16	Montezuma	27
Conejos	1	Montrose	136
Costilla	4	Morgan	561
Crowley	39	Otero	11
Custer	2	Ouray	7
Delta	55	Park	16
Denver	4,656	Phillips	10
Dolores	0	Pitkin	56
Douglas	640	Prowers	10
Eagle	570	Pueblo	204
El Paso	1,314	Rio Blanco	1
Elbert	45	Rio Grande	8
Fremont	25	Routt	59
Garfield	115	Saguache	16
Gilpin	4	San Juan	1
Grand	5	San Miguel	22
Gunnison	183	Sedgwick	0
Hinsdale	3	Summit	183
Huerfano	3	Teller	31
Jackson	0	Washington	10
Jefferson	1,831	Weld	2,295
Kiowa	0	Yuma	12
Unknown or Pending	83		
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>21,938</b>		

## COVID-19 in Colorado by Age Group

	Cases	Deaths	CO
0-9	2.00%	0.00%	11.85%
10-19	4.07%	0.16%	13.11%
20-29	15.13%	0.58%	14.61%
30-39	17.22%	0.58%	14.56%
40-49	17.29%	2.55%	13.04%
50-59	16.46%	5.10%	12.67%
60-69	11.96%	13.42%	10.91%
70-79	7.57%	23.29%	6.12%
80+	8.06%	54.32%	3.13%
Unknown	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%

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## COVID-19 in Colorado by Race & Ethnicity

	Cases	Deaths	CO
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.44%	0.58%	0.56%
Asian	2.75%	3.95%	3.12%
Black	6.17%	6.83%	3.92%
Hispanic, All Races	35.15%	19.01%	21.69%
Multiple - Non Hispanic	0.77%	0.91%	2.65%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.40%	0.33%	0.12%
White - Non Hispanic	36.14%	64.36%	67.76%
Other	0.94%	0.58%	0.19%
Unknown/Not Provided	17.24%	3.46%	

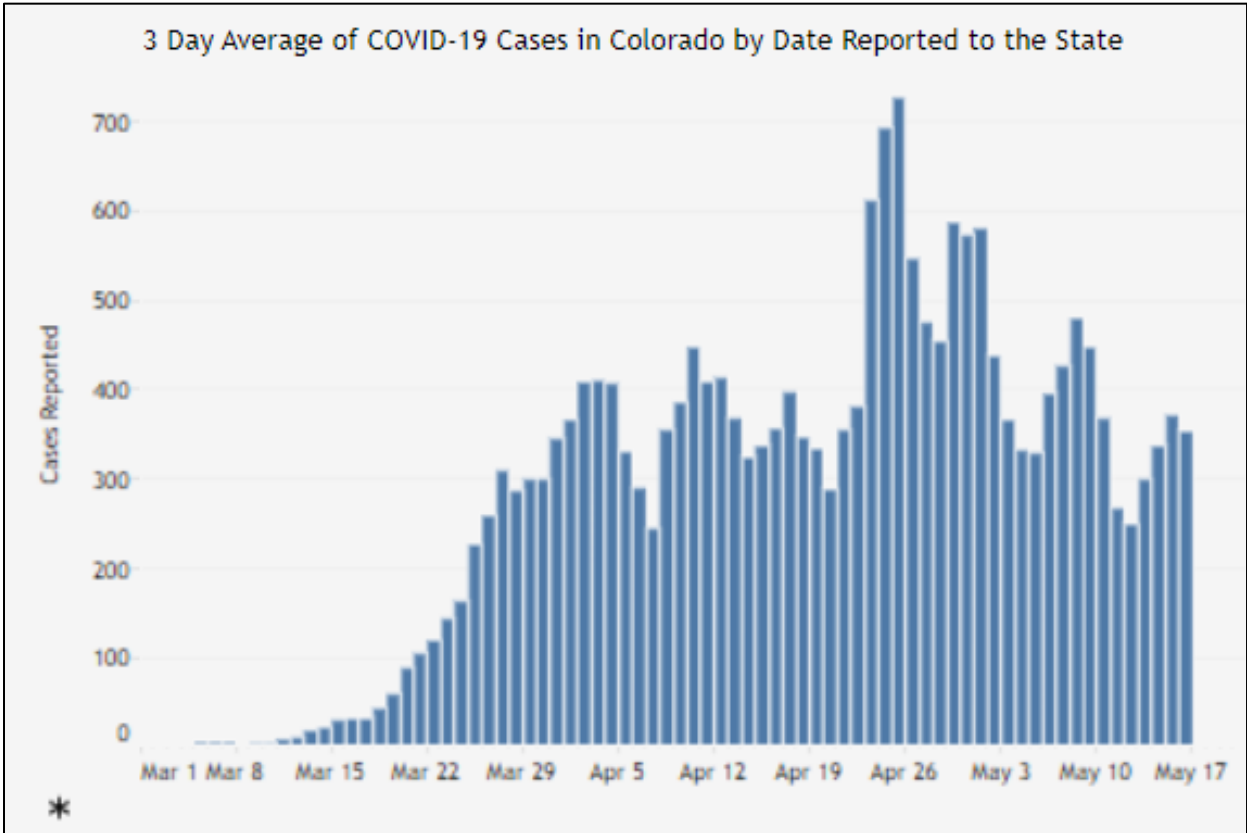
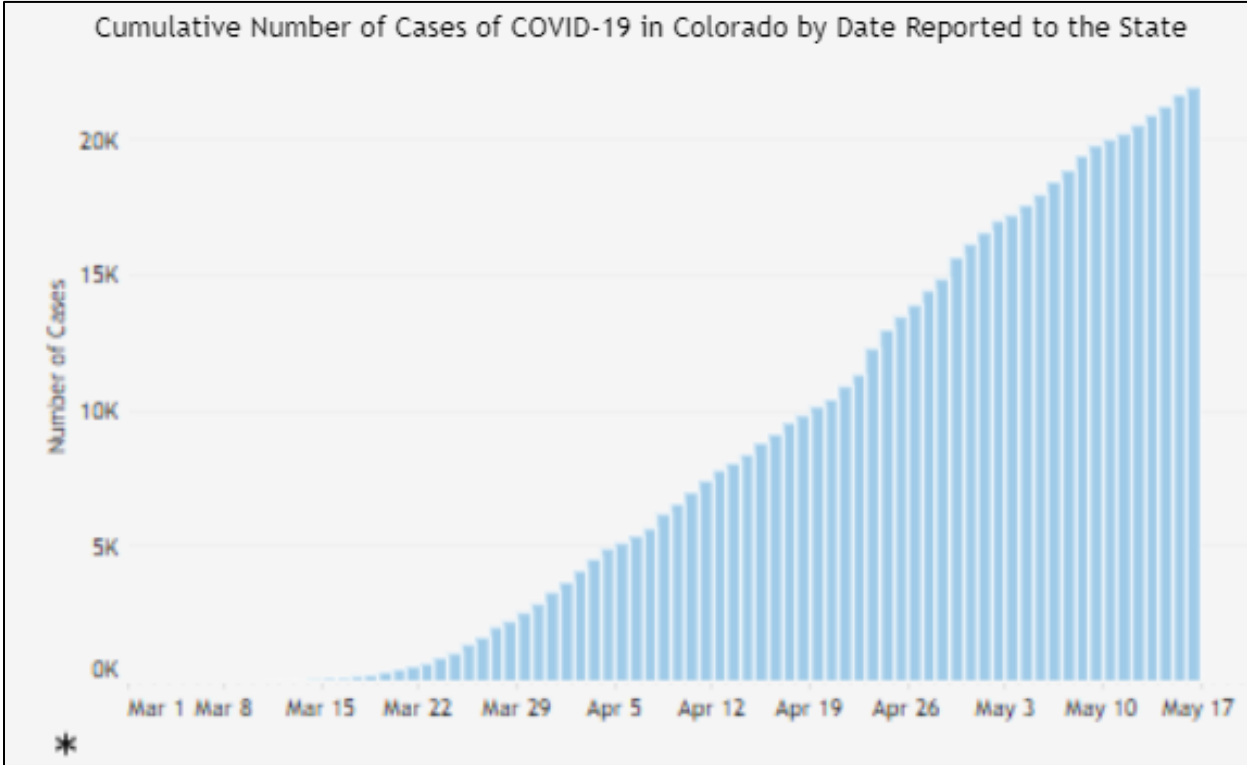
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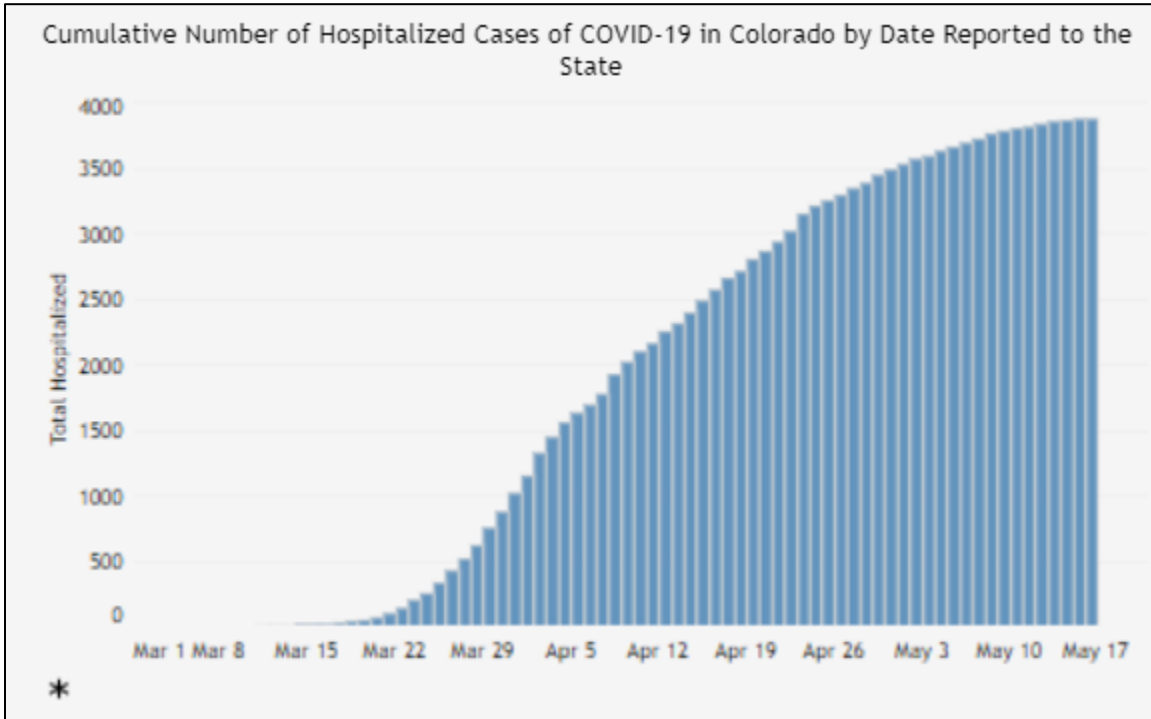
## Case Status for Cases & Deaths

	Cases	Cases (%)	Deaths	Deaths (%)
Confirmed	19,773	90.13%	966	79.51%
Probable	2,024	9.23%	249	20.49%
Unknown	141	0.64%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,938</b>		<b>1,215</b>	

## COVID-19 in Colorado by Sex

	Cases	Deaths
Female	50.61%	43.95%
Male	48.40%	55.72%
Unknown	0.99%	0.33%





**Other Important Information:**

Summitstone Health, in partnership with the Health District of Northern Colorado, has set up a call line for behavioral health crisis intervention. That phone line is (970) 221-5551. There is also a 24/7 crisis hotline established at (970) 494-4200.

Larimer County PIO continues to provide messaging and communication as the event evolves. The key priority for this team continues to be providing education to the public regarding the local Stay-at-Home order currently in place. The symptoms self reporting system developed by the public information team can also be found online at <https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-home-care-and-testing-information>

The **public number for questions about this event is: (970) 498-5500**. The Joint Information Center (JIC) is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Information to assist in Planning, Economic Recovery, etc. can be found at <https://business.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/dc74772707d94db9a7d24d30ffdcf36c>. This link provides a lot of information for the purposes of impact planning.

**Current State of Colorado and Larimer County Public Health Orders**

On April 26, 2020, Governor Polis issued a state-wide “Safer at Home” order which allows for phased re-opening of Colorado communities. This Executive Order implements a number of measures that will allow many Coloradans to return to work while we maintain a sustainable level of social distancing. In particular, this Executive Order continues Social Distancing Requirements for all Coloradans and stay at home requirements for Vulnerable Individuals, permits the limited



reopening of postsecondary institutions and certain business operations, and orders the Executive Director of CDPHE to amend or issue public health orders (PHO) consistent with the directives in this Executive Order. **This Order went into effect on April 27, 2020 and remains in effect for 30 days.**

On May 3, 2020, Larimer County Public Health issued a face covering order. This order requires that all employees who interact with the public or other employees are required to wear face coverings. All individuals entering or in line to enter businesses must cover their nose and mouth by wearing a mask or other form of facial covering. Businesses include but are not limited to schools, recreational facilities, retail businesses, manufacturing, places of worship, and personal service establishments.

On May 8, 2020, Governor Polis released additional information on the four main components of being successful during Safer-at-Home phase:

- For most of the population, continuing to stay at home most of the time.
- For seniors & those with chronic health conditions, it means staying at home unless absolutely necessary.
- Stepping up testing, containment, and tracing.
- Wearing masks at all times when in public.

The Governor also discussed a new initiative: [Can Do Colorado](#). This will provide guidance and tips to businesses about increasing teleworking capabilities, and highlight businesses that are being creative and going above and beyond to run their businesses safely and remotely. Visit [www.candocolorado.org](http://www.candocolorado.org) to learn more.

The state is also launching “Connect to Care Jobs” through the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), in partnership with Advancing States, to match health care job seekers with immediate openings in residential care settings. Job seekers should visit [connecttocarejobs.com](http://connecttocarejobs.com) to apply.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** None at this time.