

All Industry Update

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All Business Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am

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Agenda

- 1. Update on COVID-19 and public health numbers**
- 2. Outreach and conversation on future public health recommendations and mitigation**

Gunnison County will convene an All Business Meeting to inform the business owners about recent COVID-19 activity in our community.

In the last week in July, Gunnison County experienced a 3-fold increase in COVID-19 infections compared to the average week throughout the summer.

Joni Reynolds will join us at the beginning of the meeting to provide context to these numbers and engage our business stakeholders on perspectives of public health recommendations and mitigations.

Currently we are reminding our business leaders and community that the best protection against the spread of COVID-19 in our community continues to be vaccination.

If you are interested in bringing vaccination to your workplace you can reach out to myself or directly to Ariel Tidwell at atidwell@gunnisoncounty.org. As a reminder, those who are vaccinated do not need to quarantine with exposure. Instead they should monitor for symptoms and may continue to work. With the rampant workforce challenges in our community, I wanted to reiterate that message.

In the near term, we can work to minimize transmission in our community by:

1. Seeking/finishing vaccination
2. Being conscious of ventilation
3. Utilizing a facial covering in large indoor gatherings or where poor ventilation exists per CDC guidance

Additional Business Updates & Resources

DOLA and OEDIT have a variety of resources currently available or coming online in August. We will seek to present these opportunities in greater detail at a future all business meeting.

CLIMBER Loan Fund – Colorado OEDIT has announced the CLIMBER Loan Fund available to businesses with between 5-99 employees. More information can be found [here](#).

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date financial resources available to businesses and non-profits please refer to the COVID-19 Small Business Alternative Funding [tool](#) created by Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade.

[Colorado COVID Legal Relief](#) is a public/private partnership to offer FREE legal aid to Colorado small businesses facing challenges due to COVID-19. Thus far the program has helped over 100 businesses in need across the state. For more information, please reach out to info@coloradocovidlegalrelief.org.

Little Blue Creek Canyon Hwy 50 Project - The Little Blue Creek Canyon project is currently suspended and traffic is open in both directions. For updates and more information on the project, check out <https://www.us50info.com/>

Public Health Updates

In the last week in July, Gunnison County experienced a 3-fold increase in COVID-19 infections compared to the average week throughout the summer.

Gunnison County Public Health continues to actively monitor the situation in Gunnison County.

Vaccine Information

As of 7/26/21 10,734 Gunnison County residents are fully vaccinated. This accounts for 70% of the eligible population and 61% of the total Gunnison County population.

More information about vaccine access can be found [here](#).

For additional questions, please do not call Health and Human Services at 970-641-3244.