

All Industry Update

Tuesday, August 24 2021

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All Business Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 982 1914 2599

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Agenda

- 1. Training for BinaxNow for Business screening program**
- 2. Update on COVID-19 and public health numbers**

Recently, a call went out to businesses to engage their interest in receiving BinaxNow rapid antigen test kits to do routine screening in the workplace. These tests are not PCR tests, but are an effective tool for detecting infection when used repeatedly. There has been significant interest in the program over the course of the week.

As a result, we are going to use the regularly scheduled All Business Meeting time period to conduct an educational session and training on properly utilizing the BinaxNow test kits in the workplace. This will require setting up an administrative account and a few other details. A member of the clinical team at Health and Human Services will provide more context.

For those who may still be interested but have not responded, please see below:

To begin planning for test kit ordering, please reply directly to Loren Ahonen (lahonen@gunnisoncounty.org) with the following information:

1. Business Name (if you have not already shared it)
2. Number of Employees
3. How frequently do you hope to test (i.e. a weekly basis)
4. Number of tests you hope to conduct (i.e. how many employees are you hoping to screen?)

This information will help us determine how many tests we need to disperse to your business and with what frequency.

Currently, we believe we can secure a consistent supply of BinaxNow test kits from CDPHE, but that could change in the future. So, we want to be clear that we might not be able to provide this service in perpetuity.

The next step will be to offer a quick training on using the BinaxNow test kits, and how to appropriately report the outcomes. Given fairly significant interest in this service, we hope to conduct that training digitally to maximize the efficiency of our clinical team at Public Health.

We are tentatively scheduling that test kit training for Tuesday 8/24/21 at 9am utilizing the traditional meeting and link for the All Business Meetings. The ZOOM info can be found [here](#).

We will also provide an update on local public health numbers and vaccination. We will provide a brief update on the guidance for an additional dose for the immunocompromised.

Additional Business Updates & Resources

DOLA and OEDIT have a variety of resources currently available or coming online in August. The most up to date guidance on these resources with links to the program pages can be found [here](#).

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 until 8/31/21. For updates and more information on the project, check out <https://www.us50info.com/>

Public Health Updates

Over the course of the last four weeks, local cases have continued at an elevated level. The average weekly case count continues at approximately 30 cases a week across all testing sources.

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

Vaccine Information

As of 8/16/21 10,915 Gunnison County residents are fully vaccinated. This accounts for 71% of the eligible population. Additionally, nearly 76% of the eligible population has received at least one dose.

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

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