COVID-19 UPDATE
GOALS OF THIS PRESENTATION

● Provide superintendent and school leaders with most recent school outbreak data

● Provide superintendents and school leaders with the latest updates on virus transmission

● Discuss ways superintendents and school leaders can assist with virus mitigation efforts in communities

● Questions/feedback
Learnings from School Settings
There is less transmission in younger grades.

K-12* Outbreak Case Distribution

*Outbreaks in schools classified as K-8 or K-12 excluded

K-5

- 23 Outbreaks
- 55 Cases
- 23 Students
- 32 Staff

Staff 58%

Middle School

- 10 outbreaks
- 32 cases
- 20 student cases
- 12 staff cases

Staff 38%

High School

- 34 outbreaks
- 142 cases
- 106 student cases
- 36 staff cases

Staff 25%

Older students are a larger proportion of outbreak cases

Confirmed cases only
Local factors shape local decisions

We recognize that science alone doesn’t dictate whether or not schools can be open in person.

Public confidence, staffing, and capacity all play a role in these very difficult decisions.

Classified in person education as “critical business” in latest PHO in recognition that schools make choices together with community and educators and in-person learning may be appropriate even in communities with high transmission.
Key takeaways on education

CDPHE has provided a number of recommendations based on evidence, including:

- Prioritizing In-Person Learning based on Need and Risk
- Ensuring that Extracurricular Activities are not Prioritized over Core Academic Instruction
- Implementing Additional Protective Measures in School
Epidemiology Trends
DAILY CASE COUNTS HAVE SURPASSED MARCH LEVELS
HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE SURPASSED APRIL LEVELS
7 DAY INCIDENCE PER 100,000

- 53 Counties in local mitigation efforts
- 28 Counties with Stay at Home levels of incidence
ONE WEEK INCIDENCE - OVERTIME ANIMATION
OLDER POPULATIONS ARE INCREASINGLY AFFECTED
KEY TAKEAWAYS

● Cases have rapidly increased in the past few weeks, and especially past few days

● Infections are increasing in at-risk populations

● We are entering the holiday season with a surge
  ○ Holiday travel will be riskier than travel over the summer
  ○ Contacts among people not in the same household should be minimized
  ○ Protect older family members and friends
COLORADANS SHOULD:

We’re asking Coloradans to do these important things during the month of November:

1. *For the rest of November, only interact with members of your household.*
2. *Wear a mask.*
3. *Stay home if you’re sick.*
How School Leaders Can Help
EXPOSURE NOTIFICATIONS INCREASE IMPACT OF CONTACT TRACING

OUR PHONES ARE IN THE COVID FIGHT
HELP COLORADO STOP THE SPREAD

CO Exposure Notifications Supporter Social Media Content

Steps to Publish
1. Identify social channel to publish content
2. Use a key message from the sample social media posts per channel included below
3. Select an image or video from the included graphics
4. If you refer to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, tag them using the @ symbol (e.g. @CDPHE or @Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment)
5. Included hashtags such as #addyourphone or #COExposureNotifications

Twitter
Choose a a graphic from the options in this folder.
- Sample Post #1: Activate Colorado Exposure Notifications today and #addyourphone to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Visit addyourphone.com to learn more.
- Sample Post #2: Help Colorado stop the spread of COVID-19 and activate #COExposureNotifications today: addyourphone.com
- Sample Post #3: Support Colorado and #addyourphone to fight COVID-19: addyourphone.com

LinkedIn
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- Sample Post #1: I’m proud to support Colorado’s efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, and with CO Exposure Notifications, we can protect our community while maintaining our privacy. Join me, and add your phone to the fight: addyourphone.com
- Sample Post #2: Help Colorado stop the spread of COVID-19 and visit addyourphone.com to learn more about how you can add your phone to the fight. #COExposureNotifications
- Sample Post #3: [Organization] is proud to support @Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as they launch CO Exposure Notifications to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Join us and #addyourphone to the fight: addyourphone.com
A video from Colorado’s State Epidemiologist with important COVID-19 Safety Information [Click Here]

Messaging and Outreach Toolkit [Click Here]
WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER