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## Census Overview

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, our nation gets just one chance each decade to count its population. The U.S. census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years.

The data collected by the census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives (a process called apportionment) and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.

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**Monthly e-communication is a tool to stay connected and keep up-to-date with relevant MKV information. Do you have something to share or celebrate? We want to know!**

**McKinney-Vento- March 2020**

**Feed the Children** and the **Colorado Department of Education** are continuing

their partnership to provide backpacks, books, and school supplies to Colorado School Districts to distribute to students experiencing homelessness.



 If you are interested in receiving backpacks for

 students in your district experiencing

 homelessness,please register [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-backpacks-from-feed-the-children-for-mckinney-vento-eligible-students-registration-95519949741) before

 **April 10th**.

**Webinar: Increasing Identification**

To assist your LEA with increasing identification and awareness, Colorado Department of Education is offering a 30-minute webinar on **March 31st at 10am**. This webinar will address LEA and Liaison responsibilities, strategies of identification, and Q &A.  Use the following link to register: [**https://enetlearning.adobeconnect.com/increasingidentificationofyouthexperiencinghomelessness/**](https://enetlearning.adobeconnect.com/increasingidentificationofyouthexperiencinghomelessness/)

Conference Line:

800-832-0736

Room number/Access: 1348144

**Did you know…** The number of identified homeless students should average

around 10 percent of students receiving free meals. This is based on recommendations by the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE).

NCHE is the McKinney-Vento national technical assistance provider for the U.S. Department of Education.

**Webinar: Supporting Young Children Experiencing Homelessness: Cross-Systems Collaboration**

Join State Coordinator, Kerry Wrenick and Head Start Collaboration Office on

**April 2nd at 10am** for a webinar on how McKinney-Vento Liaisons and Head Start can collaborate to serve families experiencing homelessness. The webinar will provide an overview of the McKinney-Vento and Head Start programs, including goals of the program, services offered, eligibility requirements, and benefits for

families. Additionally, participants will begin identifying stakeholders for cross-

systems collaboration within their community to ensure access to early education for our most vulnerable youth. Use the following link to register: [**https://enetlearning.adobeconnect.com/headstartandyoungchildrenexperiencinghomelessness/**](https://enetlearning.adobeconnect.com/headstartandyoungchildrenexperiencinghomelessness/)

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**Coronavirus and School Districts:**

Staying informed is critical to prevention and safety. FEMA guidance for

pre-pandemic COVID-19 preparedness is available on [Ready.gov](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gA92taMtgAvLvVpmXNXGZLrNm0WNs9PbcPZUDmk0wgXWanhYIUQ2uhWIAjWllsB4grIx5Q-_e4m2Yl5LVbTOcqxISan824prXugf7fMx9QUGNb1nHtx3Ds1qgKDjqmcLpcW_krwmbpE=&c=uA9SIauGxi8sWzViOyw7WEUdulWBVaM9RlT9DbD99EHnfcqyDzLwxA==&ch=Krn13Pi_Fnbvw1x7pKH5q93ROP6jIuWeYBVf7vrIHmw0TdiY3pMFfQ==).

Becoming familiar with your school district’s Emergency Preparedness Plan

will also play a key role in knowing how to respond.

**Latest Communication from Governor Polis COVID-19 (Coronavirus):**

DENVER, March 7: The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s (CDPHE) state lab identified no additional presumptive positive tests today. The CDPHE lab conducted 44 tests today.

**“**We are focused on ensuring the public has access to accurate and up to date information. We are acting promptly and appreciate the coordination and efforts of local public health departments and officials. Colorado is in this together and we must continue to act accordingly**,”** said **Executive Director Jill Hunsaker Ryan**.

CDPHE released the following information about the additional cases of COVID-19 in Colorado.

As of March 7, 2020, eight cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Colorado:

**Denver County**

* **One case in a man in his 40s. The investigation is ongoing.**
* **One case in a woman in her 70s, exposed during international travel.**

**Douglas County**

* **One case in a school-aged female, exposed during international travel.**
* **One case in a woman in her 40s, exposed during international travel.**
* **One case in a woman in her 70s, exposed during international travel.**

**Eagle County**

* **One case in a woman in her 50s, exposed during international travel.**

**El Paso County**

* **One case in a man in his 40s. The investigation is ongoing.**

**Summit County**

* **One case in a man in his 30s, an out-of-state resident who was exposed during international travel or through contact with an out-of-state case.**

This week, the state laboratory expanded testing guidelines to ensure early detection in order to slow and limit transmission.

When cases test positive, the individual and their close contacts like family members and roommates are instructed to “isolate” (isolation is in the case of a person with a positive COVID test) or “quarantine” themselves (quarantine is if there is a suspected exposure). Meanwhile the state or local public health agency works to identify other possible contacts. Public health agencies can issue individual quarantine and isolation orders requiring individuals to remain at home for a certain period of time. Quarantine orders also include instructions for how to seek care and testing if the individual becomes symptomatic. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and local public health agencies began to issue orders on Thursday with the announcement of positive cases.

Per protocol, each local public health agency is the lead investigator on cases involving people who reside within their jurisdictions. They will provide information as necessary and appropriate to protect the public’s health. The state will provide technical assistance to counties and will act as the lead investigator on any cases that occur in Colorado but involve residents of other states or countries.  The department will update numbers on our [website](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.colorado.gov_pacific_cdphe_2019-2Dnovel-2Dcoronavirus&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=fQf2K8W1OAJ1DAepL49iDt5a53fcOLIiLOchBjm-eWw&m=Bh9td1MBLmyy6jDQmiKFjkWtkw6dJhyKEmV_N4B2S3U&s=z2-zLlkoEUHrFKk7zrReYUBWdq505uuPzUjJAxOYfak&e=) and provide daily media summaries as long as necessary.

COVID-19 is primarily spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People who have sustained contact within six feet of an infected individual are most at risk of transmission.

The department continues to work closely with the CDC and public health agencies across the state and is committed to protecting the health and safety of Coloradans. Health officials advise Coloradans to stay informed, take simple disease prevention measures, and prepare.

* **Take simple disease prevention measures**
	+ Frequently and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
	+ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, or use your inner elbow or sleeve.
	+ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
	+ Stay home if you’re sick, and keep your children home if they are sick. Talk to your employer about working from home if necessary.
	+ Clean surfaces in your home, and personal items such as cell phones, using regular household products.
* **Be calm and prepared.**
	+ [FEMA: Guidance for COVID-19 preparedness](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__ready.gov_&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=fQf2K8W1OAJ1DAepL49iDt5a53fcOLIiLOchBjm-eWw&m=p0f2P4oUEYCCnxLf2zZssD0h7W5Pw30aqO97WXp9zIo&s=6F3BRa4q9e7ZzITGVj6vf6_kBIV78G2FxgJGnJO3O2Y&e=)
	+ [CDC: Getting your household ready for COVID-19](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.cdc.gov_coronavirus_2019-2Dncov_community_home_get-2Dyour-2Dhousehold-2Dready-2Dfor-2DCOVID-2D19.html&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=fQf2K8W1OAJ1DAepL49iDt5a53fcOLIiLOchBjm-eWw&m=p0f2P4oUEYCCnxLf2zZssD0h7W5Pw30aqO97WXp9zIo&s=o-3DkrEsEKt4dg4V5WUE9GYcmSpDdbfNLwhic7xMuf4&e=)
* **Stay informed with reliable, up-to-date information.**
	+ People who have general questions about coronavirus disease 2019, can call CO HELP at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911, for answers in many languages,  or email COHELP@RMPDC.org, for answers in English.
	+ Coloradans can also visit the [CDC](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.cdc.gov_coronavirus_2019-2DnCoV_index.html&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=fQf2K8W1OAJ1DAepL49iDt5a53fcOLIiLOchBjm-eWw&m=p0f2P4oUEYCCnxLf2zZssD0h7W5Pw30aqO97WXp9zIo&s=jchq_BAU5NFIJ7Y8-FfWleimRciQ8-VfnVGPnvDXoXk&e=) and [CDPHE](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.colorado.gov_pacific_cdphe_2019-2Dnovel-2Dcoronavirus&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=ps-X2zYjdP7VRiDdNzbgRwL7OM4FMFF3UC46SdZWICk&m=XrCCHKhIT71jB4D-Mnxc_lHBYdTC9ABrsKmcosWlxPE&s=-fHGxhwc4D4LzsShTda-5aHQwLq3kYg5hRH-dASDkCk&e=) websites for more information on best practices.
	+ If you have upcoming travel plans visit the [CDC’s website](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.cdc.gov_coronavirus_2019-2Dncov_travelers_index.html&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=fQf2K8W1OAJ1DAepL49iDt5a53fcOLIiLOchBjm-eWw&m=Bh9td1MBLmyy6jDQmiKFjkWtkw6dJhyKEmV_N4B2S3U&s=0jn17dUUdUlDd6wR85htnU5jPaDozOGx_R1AWWehOck&e=) for the latest travel information.

Continue to stay up to date by visiting [colorado.gov/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.colorado.gov_pacific_cdphe_2019-2Dnovel-2Dcoronavirus&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=fQf2K8W1OAJ1DAepL49iDt5a53fcOLIiLOchBjm-eWw&m=p0f2P4oUEYCCnxLf2zZssD0h7W5Pw30aqO97WXp9zIo&s=to8ymC603jeQpzn0-IzstXRY2CVpN86A8dx0cx174C8&e=)

**Free Trainings**

**Provided by NCHE-** <https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/>

#### ****UNDERSTANDING DOUBLED UP****

#### Thursday, March 12, 2020 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST

**Register:** <https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e207494406496ec2342d07557cc318a96>
**Description:** In this 45-minute NCHE webinar, presenters explore the issue of doubling-up. Doubled-up is the informal wording used to describe a concept included in the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of homeless. It refers to shared living arrangements, some of which may be considered homeless, while others may not be, depending on various factors. In this session, attendees will explore some of these factors in greater detail. Attendees also will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through polls and Q&A/discussion periods.

**Handouts:** You may download webinar handouts at <https://nche.ed.gov/understanding-doubled-up/>.

#### ****DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO RIGHTS AND SERVICES****

#### Thursday, March 19, 2020 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST

**Register:**<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0a497ae184840553830824917dcd640b>
**Description:**In this interactive NCHE webinar, presenters will review the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless children and youth, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will cover:

* McKinney-Vento Act basics and context
* Understanding the dynamics of family and youth homelessness
* The McKinney-Vento definition of homeless
* McKinney-Vento provisions on dispute resolution, including disputes related to eligibility

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through polls and Q&A/discussion periods.

**Handouts:** You may download webinar handouts at <https://nche.ed.gov/determining-eligibility-webinar/>.

#### ****SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF UNACCOMPANIED STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS****

#### Tuesday, April 7, 2020 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST

**Register:**<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=e94cbca2b7f63230ce6e9b11c8b72e10a>
**Description:** In this interactive NCHE webinar, presenters will review key concepts related to the education of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness included in the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will cover:

* McKinney-Vento Act definitions of unaccompanied and homeless
* K-12 educational rights and supports for unaccompanied homeless students
* Supports for unaccompanied homeless youth transitioning to higher education

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with presenters and fellow attendees through polls and Q&A/discussion periods.

**Handouts:** You may download webinar handouts at [https://nche.ed.gov/supporting-the-education-of-unaccompanied-students-experiencing-homelessness/](https://nche.ed.gov/supporting-the-education-of-unaccompanied-students-experiencing-homelessness/?customize_changeset_uuid=f3c63f74-308f-4f4a-a70f-7a487739b3e4&customize_autosaved=on&customize_messenger_channel=preview-6).

#### ****MCKINNEY-VENTO SCHOOL SELECTION RIGHTS****

#### Wednesday, April 15, 2020 | 12:00PM-1:00PM MST

**Register:**<https://uncg.webex.com/uncg/onstage/g.php?MTID=ea45b00fa59df45f667689c1bfd51b3cb>
**Description:** In this interactive NCHE webinar, presenters will review important changes related to school selection for homeless children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will cover:

* McKinney-Vento basics and context
* The McKinney-Vento Act’s definition of school of origin. McKinney-Vento provisions related to determining the best interest of a student in terms of school selection (local school or school of origin)
* The provision of school-of-origin transportation to currently homeless students and formerly homeless students who have become permanently housed
* McKinney-Vento provisions related to dispute resolution, including disputes about school enrollment and selection

**Handouts:** You may download webinar handouts at [https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento-school-selection-rights/](https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento-school-selection-rights/?customize_changeset_uuid=f3c63f74-308f-4f4a-a70f-7a487739b3e4&customize_autosaved=on&customize_messenger_channel=preview-17).