

City Manager's Update for April 23, 2021

COVID-19/Vaccine Update

- Starting April 16, **Boulder County and other Denver Metro counties moved to a modified Level Blue**. The State has devolved the Dial to the County level [and Boulder County has issued a similar framework](#) to the State's dial for 30 days.
- **On May 16, if the data metrics support it, Boulder County will enter Level Clear** for 90 days, which will be an observation period under the County's public health order. Under Level Clear, local capacity restrictions and mitigation are no longer required but may be encouraged.
- The City has updated its **reopening plan for Level Blue**, which is available on the website at <https://www.louisvilleco.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=30706>.
- While no longer required by City ordinance, Boulder County Public Health still **recommends wearing a face covering whenever social distancing cannot be maintained while outdoors**.
- **Face coverings are still required for indoor public spaces**. Exceptions, including for children under 2, can be found in the [City Ordinance](#). Remember that if you're in a public indoor space, the face covering requirement applies regardless of whether you're fully vaccinated or not. You can review the [County](#) and [State's updated mask orders](#) here. As we see new public health orders but we'll keep staff up-to-date.
- **Governor Polis announced that [free, at home COVID test kits](#) are now available to all public facing workers**. Anyone who is required to interact with the public as part of their employment can now receive an at-home COVID test. If you're experiencing symptoms or think you've been exposed to COVID, [please get tested](#). Testing sites for all of Colorado can be found at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/are-you-sick/testing-for-covid-19>.
- **As of April 2, all Coloradans over the age of 16 are eligible** to receive the Pfizer vaccine and **all Coloradans over the age of 18 are eligible** to receive the Moderna vaccine. Colorado has paused distribution of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine following recommendations by the FDA and CDC.
- **City employees are encouraged to sign up for the vaccine**. To remove any barriers for City staff who wish to get the vaccine, the City is allowing staff to get their vaccine during working hours without having to take Public Health Emergency Leave (PHE) hours.
- For more instructions on how to sign up with a local vaccine provider, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine> or call 1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926, available 24 hours, 7 days a week).
- For Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, it typically takes 2 weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. That means you can be infected from exposure to COVID just before or just after vaccination. This is still a time for caution. Emerging COVID variants are cause for concern. **Please keep wearing your mask and practicing social distancing whenever possible**.

Book Donation & Recycle Success

- On Saturday, April 17, the Library celebrated Earth Week with an extremely successful Book Donation and Recycle event. 130 residents dropped off materials to be donated or recycled. Over 7,500 lbs. of books were given to EcoCycle to be provided to communities in need or recycled. Another 1,500 lbs. of books were kept by the Library to be sold in the Louisville Public Library Foundation's Used Book Sale to support the Library. A big thanks to the 20 volunteers who worked very hard to make this event happen, as well as to Public Works and Parks and Recreation for their help with the parking lot closure and snow removal!



Data Success Story: Water Treatment Plant

- We have another great example of data use at the Water Treatment Plant. The WTP has undergone dramatic changes over the past few years, shifting towards data collection and analysis to make informed process decisions and improvements. New laboratory equipment aimed towards enhanced precision and accuracy has meant new testing methods and higher standards, and the WTP team has met those goals with flying colors. The team has gone above and beyond in collecting data and utilizing it to justify process changes and making decisions that have direct, measurable benefits.
- The push for data tracking and improved application has extended beyond the plant process and has also been used for asset management tracking. The team has grown and evolved with these new metrics to ensure that proper preventative maintenance is performed on all valves, pumps and more that are necessary to produce clean drinking water. The team is not only meeting state requirements but is also achieving those goals in the most efficient way possible by creating a high performing work environment through data use.
- Due to these accomplishments, the WTP won an award from the Rocky Mountain Section of the America Water Works Association for Outstanding Water Treatment Plant, surpassing other applicants across Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. Every single member of the WTP team has a passion for the industry and cares greatly about doing everything in their power to provide Louisville citizens with safe, high quality water. A big thanks to everyone for their continued dedication and excellence!