



FRUITA COLORADO

Weekly Info Update



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City offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, in observance of Veterans Day.

Coronavirus Update

Below are a few updates, but I would strongly encourage all to continue to follow www.fruita.org/covid19 for all updates we are posting. This also links to important Mesa County Public Health sources, as well as many others.

- **Mesa County Moves to Safer at Home: Level Orange.** Effective tomorrow, November 7, 2020, Mesa County will be moving to level orange (high risk) of the Safer at Home phase. Full information can be found in the graphic below or at this [link](#), but here is a brief overview of the changes:
 - **Capacity Requirements Per Industry:**
 - **Restaurants** – Indoor seating limited to 25% capacity or 50 people; outdoor setting requires 6 feet of distance between parties
 - **Retail** – 25% capacity
 - **Personal Services** – 25% capacity or 25 people
 - **Gyms/Fitness** - 25% capacity, 25 indoors, or outdoors in groups less than ten
 - **Indoor Events** – 25% or 50 people (unseated), seated is the same with six feet of distancing
 - **Outdoor Events** – 25% or 75 people with distancing
 - Businesses certified with a 5-star rating through the Variance Protection Program are allowed to operate with less restrictive conditions and should continue to work with MCPH to ensure safety for customers and employees.
 - Also, no changes to the mask requirement of multi-family gathering requirements.
- **MCPH Releases Public Health Advisory.** Mesa County Public Health (“MCPH”) has reported that COVID-19 cases have increased significantly over the past two weeks – with 44% of the county’s total cases being reported in the last 14 days. Dr. Jeff Kuhr stated “This is a call to action for our entire community. “I’ve said previously that we are headed in the wrong direction. Looking at the data it is clear; we now find ourselves far down the road, going the wrong way. We need an abrupt turn. I urge each member of our community to take action to protect yourself and the ones you love.” The full public health advisory can be found [here](#).

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- In addition to the five best practices - MCPH recommends avoiding the three Cs:
 - Closed spaces with poor ventilation
 - Crowded places with many people nearby
 - Closed-contact settings such as conversations in close proximity to others.
- **Capacity Requirements Graphic.** This week, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment released a graphic showing the updated capacity requirements per activity for all levels of the state's reopening plan (Safer at Home Level, Stay at Home, etc). That graphic can be found at this [link](#) and is also provided below.
- **Additional Resources for Businesses.** The Colorado Restaurant Foundation has established an emergency assistance grant program to help restaurants prepare patio spaces for outdoor dining this winter. Colorado restaurants can apply for up to \$10,000 in funding to help with several types of winter-related expenses, such as heaters/heating equipment, tents, furniture, lighting, cold weather gear for staff/patrons, and more. More information on the grant program can be found at this [link](#).

General Updates

- **Waste Management Update.** In October, Fruita residents recycled 53 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard. Great job Fruita! Full report can be found below.
- **Fruita for Equality Event.** On November 14, 2020, Fruita for Equality will be hosting an online event on the topic of implicit bias and how it relates to perceptions about race. For more information, and to register for the event, you can visit the Mesa County Public Library's website [here](#).
- **Resources on Veteran's Day.** In light of Veteran's Day next week, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has released a teaching guide on the holiday. That guide can be found [here](#), and provides great information on the holiday and more.

Engineering

- Colorado opened their new facility this week.
- A contract was executed and a Notice to Proceed was issued by CDOT to the City for the Active Circulation Plan.
- Traffic counters are out collecting data for the Fremont Street design project.
- The City received the 2020 bridge inspection reports for the 7 off-system bridges in the City of Fruita. 2 bridges remain with load restrictions, Maple St. at Little Salt Wash and Fremont St. at Little Salt Wash.

Parks and Recreation

- This week, the Fruita Community Center received a 5-star facility rating from the Mesa County's Variance Protection Program! This rating recognizes the Community Center's commitment to protecting our community from the virus and allows the facility to operate at greater capacity limits despite the change in phase (from down to Safer at Home). Thank you to Mesa County for this recognition, and all of the staff for their hard work during the pandemic.
- FCC staff have been working with MCPH to determine operating procedures for the recreation center. With the 5-star rating, the FCC is allowed a little more flexibility in operations and

patron usage. Staff has consistently been working hard to provide a clean and safe facility for our community

- Staff has been preparing for Draft PHROST Master Plan presentations to the Steering Committee as well as our health, local school and Fruita youth Initiative partners. The meetings have been moved to a virtual format and are scheduled on Monday and Tuesday, November 16th and 17th.
- Parks staff participated in a virtual Colorado Community Forestry Conference where we learned more about tree inventorying which we have been doing for the past couple of months.

Planning & Development

To see active reviews of current projects, you may visit: <https://www.fruita.org/cd/page/current-development-projects>

Land Use Code Amendments:

- Vested Right Code Amendment (Approved)
- Development Agreements Code Amendment (Approved)

Major/ Minor Subdivisions:

- Dwell PUD Concept Plan (Approved)
- Bradyville Minor Subdivision (Approved)
- Cider Mills Preliminary Plan (Approved)

Site Design Review/ Other Applications:

- Coloramo Site Design Review (333 W Aspen) (Under Construction)
- Monument Powder Coating (1596 Cipolla) (Under Construction)
- Pediatric Dental Specialist (197 & 101 Jurassic) (Under Construction)
- Sycamore St ROW Vacation (Approved)
- Lithic Arts Building Site Design Review (Approved)
- Skalla Annexation, Zoning, and Minor Subdivision (In process of being reviewed)

Police Department

- Next week, November 9-13 is Law Enforcement Records Personnel Week in Colorado. We are thankful for our wonderful records staff and all they do to support us.

Public Works

- Building maintenance will begin contracting out some of the custodial cleaning services at the Civic Center and Police Department starting next week now that seasonal employees are no longer able to assist with this. The proposed 2021 budget includes hiring a full-time custodian after the first of the year.
- Downtown heaters for the temporary outdoor dining areas were functional starting this past weekend. Road crews will be monitoring and refilling the propane for these 2 times/week.
- The favorable weather this week allowed road crews to complete some additional crack sealing in the Manley, Grand Valley Estates, and Cottonwoods subdivisions.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS (and regional news of impact to Fruita):

- [Mesa County moves closer to Stay at Home level.](#)
- [Mesa County moving back again; capacity limits reduced to 25%.](#)
- [MCPH says the Grand Valley can no longer be casual about COVID.](#)
- [Incubator providing financial aid for businesses.](#)
- [Football attendance to be further restricted under COVID-19 guidelines.](#)
- [Mesa County Had One of the Most Open Economies in Colorado. Then the New Coronavirus Wave Hit.](#)
- [County asks state for help with COVID-19 case investigations.](#)
- [Fruita area residents invited to virtual event exploring implicit bias Nov. 14.](#)
- [COVID cases climb in Mesa County.](#)
- [Mesa County COVID-19 deaths jump.](#)
- [Rowland, Davis win seats on Mesa County commission.](#)
- [Rich, Soper win re-election to Colorado House.](#)
- [Hickenlooper wins in Colorado.](#)
- [Colorado votes to ditch Gallagher.](#)
- [Mesa County records 6 new COVID deaths in 1 day, doubling previous death count.](#)
- [Voters overwhelmingly pass Colorado River District tax hike.](#)
- [Briefs: Fruita Church that burned is reopening.](#)
- [D51 able to continue in-person learning despite stricter county restrictions.](#)
- [Here are the Colorado counties that are moving to tighter COVID-19 restrictions.](#)
- [Coloradans set new voting record.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS *(Please let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can make sure to post if multiple council members plan to attend. Deb would also be happy to RSVP for you when needed.):*

- *Due to Public Health Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, most events remain cancelled for the time being.*

CC. Department Directors

Do you have questions about anything in the Weekly Information Update? Please feel free to email us at communications@fruita.org

LEVEL ORANGE: SAFER AT HOME HIGH RISK



GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS



P-12 Schools
Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in-person as appropriate



Group Sports
Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10



Higher Education
Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in-person as appropriate



Retail
25% capacity



Places of Worship
INDOORS: Unseated: 25%, 50 people with calculator
Seated: 25%, 50 people
OUTDOORS: 6ft between parties per local zoning



Personal Services
25% capacity or 25 people



Restaurants
INDOORS: 25% capacity, 50 people
OUTDOORS: 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning



Indoor Events
Unseated: 25%, 50 people with calculator
Seated: 25%, 50 people with 6ft distancing



Offices
25% capacity



Outdoor Events
Unseated: 25%, 75 people (with calculator)
Seated: 25%, 75 people with 6ft distancing



Bars that do not serve food
Closed



Outdoor Guided Services
25% capacity or 10 people




Gyms/Fitness
25% capacity, 25 indoors, or outdoors in groups less than 10



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What are the capacity restrictions at each level?

|  | LEVEL GREEN: PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS | LEVEL BLUE: SAFER AT HOME CAUTIOUS | LEVEL YELLOW: SAFER AT HOME CONCERN | LEVEL ORANGE: SAFER AT HOME HIGH RISK | LEVEL RED: STAY AT HOME |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| VARIANCES | Eligible for both outdoor and indoor site-specific variances if approved by LPHA | Eligible for both outdoor and indoor site-specific variances if approved by LPHA | Eligible for outdoor site-specific variances if approved by LPHA | Not eligible | Not eligible |
| PERSONAL GATHERING SIZE | Per local guidance | Up to 10 from no more than 2 households | Up to 10 from no more than 2 households | Up to 10 from no more than 2 households | None |
| P-12 SCHOOLS | In-person suggested | In-person suggested or hybrid, remote as appropriate | In-person, hybrid, or remote as appropriate | Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in-person as appropriate | Remote suggested, very limited in-person when necessary |
| HIGHER EDUCATION | In-person suggested | In-person suggested or hybrid, remote as appropriate | In-person, hybrid, or remote as appropriate and other strategies to increase social distancing | Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in-person as appropriate and other major strategies to increase social distancing | Remote and significant social distancing strategies |
| PLACES OF WORSHIP AND LIFE RITES - INDOOR UNSEATED FUNCTIONS | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% capacity or 175 indoors | 50% capacity or 50 no calculator, (or up to 100 with calculator) | 25% capacity or 50 (with calculator) | Remote, virtual service, or outdoor are strongly encouraged; indoors up to 10 |
| PLACES OF WORSHIP AND LIFE RITES - INDOOR SEATED FUNCTIONS | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50%, 175 person capacity | 50%, 100 person capacity | 25%, 50 person capacity | Remote, virtual service, or outdoor are strongly encouraged; indoors up to 10 |
| PLACES OF WORSHIP AND LIFE RITES - OUTDOORS | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning |
| RESTAURANTS - INDOORS | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% capacity or 175 indoors | 50% capacity or 50 (or up to 100 with calculator) | 25% capacity, 50 people | Take out or delivery |
| RESTAURANTS - OUTDOORS | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning | 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning |
| NON-CRITICAL MANUFACTURING | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% capacity or 175 people | 50% capacity or 50 (or up to 100 with calculator) | 25% capacity or 50 people | Closed |
| OFFICES | 50%* capacity | 50% capacity | 50% capacity | 25% capacity | Closed |
| BARS | 50%* capacity or 500 people | Closed | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| GYMS/FITNESS | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 25% capacity or 75 people | 25% capacity or 50 people | 25% capacity, 25 indoors, or outdoors in groups less than 10 | Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10 |
| GROUP SPORTS AND CAMPS | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50 person capacity per activity | 25 person capacity per activity | Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10 | Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10 |
| RETAIL | 50%* capacity | 50% capacity | 50% capacity | 25% capacity | Curbside, pick up, and delivery |
| PERSONAL SERVICES | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% capacity or 50 people | 50% capacity or 50 people | 25% capacity or 25 people | Closed |
| LIMITED HEALTH CARE SETTINGS | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% capacity or 50 people | 50% capacity or 50 people | 25% capacity or 25 people | Closed |
| EVENTS - INDOOR UNSEATED | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% or 175 person capacity | 50%, 50 no calculator, (or up to 100 with calculator) | 25%, 50 person capacity (with calculator) | Closed |
| EVENTS - INDOOR SEATED | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% or 175 person capacity | 50%, 100 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties) | 25%, 50 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties) | Closed |
| EVENTS - OUTDOOR UNSEATED | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% or 250 person capacity | 50%, 175 person capacity (with calculator) | 25%, 75 person capacity (with calculator) | Closed |
| EVENTS - OUTDOOR SEATED | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% or 250 person capacity | 50%, 175 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties) | 25%, 75 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties) | Closed |
| OUTDOOR GUIDED SERVICES | 50%* capacity or 500 people | 50% capacity or 25 people | 50% capacity or 10 people | 25% capacity or 10 people | Closed |

*Counties that enter Protect Our Neighbors are eligible to increase the percentage caps by 5% every month they continually sustain those metrics.



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Working Together for a Healthy Community

AVAILABLE NOW!

Mesa County Fairgrounds | 2785 US Highway 50

COVID-19 TESTING

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Tuesday - Saturday



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regardless of where you live,
especially if you have symptoms.



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More information at health.mesacounty.us/covid19



October 2020 Recycling Benefits for the City of Fruita

In October 2020, we recycled 53 tons of cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard.

Recycling these materials will save the following resources:

853 Mature Trees

Represents enough saved timber resources to produce 14,502,100 sheets of printing and copy paper!

128 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 145 people!

108,552 Kw-Hrs of Electricity

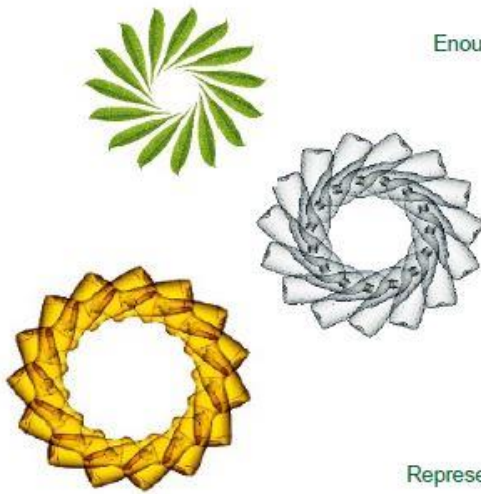
Enough power to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 10 homes!

Avoided 146 Metric Tons (MTCO₂E) of GHG Emissions

The recycling of these materials prevented these GHG emissions!

259,787 Gallons of Water

Represents enough saved water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,463 people!



PREPARED BY WASTE MANAGEMENT

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Environmental Paper Network-Paper Calculator V4.0, Domtar Paper, Gaylord Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management. © Waste Management 2019



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WHY FRUITA? The City of Fruita focuses on three strategic outcomes built upon a base of providing quality core services.

Quality of Place (QP) The City of Fruita is a community where residents and visitors love where they are. The City strives to be a bike and pedestrian friendly community by providing a system of sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes that connect our parks, schools, neighborhoods, civic facilities, and commercial areas. We value safe neighborhoods, our geographic natural resources and landscapes, top tier education and healthcare, and we collaborate to provide quality essential infrastructure and services. We are an inclusive community of doers who enjoy active and healthy lifestyles.

Economic Health (EH) The City of Fruita strives to be financially sustainable by enabling a stable economy and supporting a diversity of businesses that offer well-paying jobs that attract educated employees. The City works to be fiscally responsible and continuously seeks ways to allocate resources to services and projects that have the highest impact on the City's priorities. We are the innovative leader for economic development in the Grand Valley.

Lifestyle (L) The City of Fruita fosters a fun and funky ambiance by celebrating the local arts, farm and ranching history, unique leisure opportunities, and family-friendly events and activities. As a city, we encourage a diversity of cultural opportunities, businesses, and recreational activities. We continue to improve and enhance recreational offerings from traditional to outdoor adventure sports and youth to adult activities. We are a family-friendly community with diverse cultural opportunities, businesses and recreational amenities where visitors feel like locals and locals play like visitors.



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City of Fruita staff strive to emulate these core behaviors in everything we do in order to show gratitude for public trust, build trust and maintain trust with the public, our partner agencies and with one another.

We are Fruita. We are...

Fun—This is such a critical behavior that impacts everything we do. If we are not having fun, we must ask why and recalculate and adjust. We must love what we do and where we work, live and play. We are positive and put forth focused effort to have a positive attitude. We are smiling. We are friendly. We enjoy serving the public and working together. We care about the experience those who interact with us internally and externally have.

Respectful—We are empathetic. We take an active interest in each other, residents, businesses and visitors. We listen. We talk one at a time. We compliment and build up others. We are tough on issues and easy on people. We recognize the role of City Council, Board and Commission Members, residents, supervisors, coworkers and customers. We are kind. We treat people with dignity. We embrace diversity and make every effort to think collectively.

United—We are a team. We focus on purpose and work together to achieve our goals. We communicate effectively with each other. We seek consensus, agree to disagree and move forward for the greater good. We support each other. We value partnerships that help us achieve our goals. We remember we are public stewards and serve. We are inclusive. We create synergy by recognizing our strengths and weaknesses and succeeding as a team.

Innovative—Simplicity is our key to innovation. We consider and explore alternatives to the way we've always done it. We are open to new ideas. We welcome calculated risk-taking and learning from our mistakes. We seek continuous improvement and welcome constructive feedback. We ask why and why not. We work to continually improve.

Transparent—We operate as an open book. We create, over communicate and reinforce clarity in our work. We are trustworthy. We assume a positive intent from others. We work with integrity. We seek ways to increase transparency internally and externally.

Authentic—We are unique. We are real. We are different. We are special. We are optimistic. We are exceptional and proud of it. We are comfortable being different. We are open-minded. We are honest. We embrace and value family. We live what we speak. We create clear expectations and work hard to manage those expectations.