

SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASES ACTION PLAN AND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY TO MOVE OUR COMMUNITY FORWARD IN THE PANDEMIC SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH UNANIMOUSLY VOTES IN SUPPORT

Silverton, CO: Wednesday March 9th, San Juan County Board of Health voted unanimously to support San Juan County Public Health's Advisory and Action Plan to move us forward during the pandemic. This morning, members of the COVID Incident Management Team, Jim Donovan, Emergency Manager DeAnne Gallegos, Public Information Officer and Becky Joyce Public Health Director gave the County Commissioners an optimistic yet realistic update and action plan about the next steps for the pandemic. The State of Colorado released their Roadmap to Recovery and demobilization plan last week and our local plan was unanimously approved by the Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners.

San Juan County Health reports 2 COVID-19 cases for the month of February, which is a sharp decrease from 69 cases in January. As COVID-19 continues to mutate and new variants pop up, SJCPH will monitor the local data and look for outbreaks or clusters of COVID-19 just like other communicable diseases like measles and pertussis. Testing local wastewater is also a data driven opportunity for public health to see the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community at any given time. Public Health will continue to use tools such as public education, COVID-19 vaccines available 5 days/week, providing the community with At-home tests and high quality masks as needed and most importantly "staying home when sick" for mitigation.

"Staying home when sick is the BEST line of defense from spreading this communicable disease in our community. Moving to self responsibility includes self accountability like staying home when sick, self-testing and being fully vaccinated to continue our success moving forward."

Becky Joyce Director SJCPH

Some of the Highlights of the Public Health Advisory:

- Wear a Mask if in a high transmission area or you have an autoimmune issue
- Employers to encourage staff to be fully vaccinated before high tourist season
- Locals encouraged to be fully vaccinated when attending large events
- Provide an at home option or virtual options to meetings
- STAY HOME IF SICK

[PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY & SJC PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION PLAN](#)

FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TESTS & KN95 MASKS IN SILVERTON AVAILABLE AT:

- Silverton Visitor Center
 - open every day 10am - 3pm
- San Juan County Public Health Service
 - M-TH 9-4pm, Fridays 9-12pm.
- Silverton Public Library
 - Tues, Wed & Thurs 11am-5p or Fri & Sat 10am - 5pm

COVID-19 TESTING SCHEDULE AT PUBLIC HEALTH 1315 Snowden St.:

- As needed, Call 970 387-0242 for an appointment, Monday-Thursday, 9-4pm or Friday, 9-12pm.

VACCINE CLINIC AT PUBLIC HEALTH 1315 Snowden St.:

- BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, CALL 970 387-0242.
- Pfizer, Moderna and J&J available.