



December 29, 2020

Kathleen Conti, Commissioner
Nancy Sharpe, Commissioner
Jeff Baker, Commissioner
Nancy Jackson, Commissioner
Bill Holen, Commissioner
Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners
via email

Dr. John Douglas, Director
Tri-County Health Department
via email

RE: Arapahoe County 5 Star Business Certification Program

Dear Commissioners and Director Douglas:

Thank you for your application for the 5 Star State Certification Program on behalf of Arapahoe County to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Based on the documents submitted and Arapahoe County's meeting of all other criteria, the application to certify all business sectors under the 5 Star Certification program is approved.

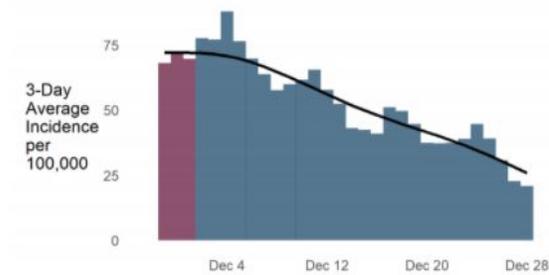
As you begin to certify businesses and administer this program, you will need to meet the following conditions:

- The administrative committee must report weekly updates to Arapahoe County Public Health and CDPHE that include the following:
 - New [certifications](#) granted to businesses,
 - Any [warnings](#) issued to certified businesses, and
 - If any certifications have been [revoked](#).
- A business may only receive one warning for non-compliance with certification requirements, and the committee must remove certification for a business that demonstrates noncompliance a second time.
- In addition to your current process for accepting and investigating complaints, please ensure that CDPHE's complaint [form](#) is easily available as part of any print or marketing materials displayed in certified businesses, as well on any websites used by the administrative committee or County.

This approval to operate a 5 Star State Certification Program is granted based on the facts and circumstances as you have described them in your application, as well as the disease metric criteria illustrated in the graphs below:

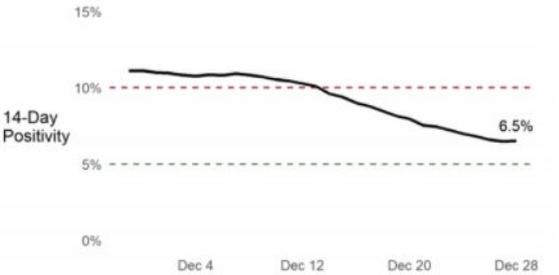
INCIDENCE

14 days of the last 14 (Dec. 15 through Dec. 28) are in a sustained decline. (Pass)



PERCENT POSITIVITY

Arapahoe county's two-week positivity from Dec. 15 through Dec. 28 is 6.5%. (Pass)



Categories are based on the direction and magnitude of change in incidence. For more detail, see the 'Epi Curve' section on the 'Incidence and Epidemic Curve' page from covid19.colorado.gov/data.

14-day positivity is calculated by dividing the number of people with a positive diagnostic test per day by the total number of people receiving a diagnostic test per day in the past 14 days.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

70% of ICU beds in the Mile-High region are currently in use. (Pass) There have been 11 days of declining or stable new hospital admissions of Arapahoe county residents in the past two weeks. (Pass)



Please be advised that CDPHE will be reviewing your metrics within 14 days to determine continued participation in the program. This approval is subject to further modification as deemed appropriate by CDPHE. Additionally, if Arapahoe County sees a significant rise in cases, percent positivity, or hospitalizations, CDPHE may suspend the program certification. The program is automatically suspended if the ICU hospital capacity reaches 90% in either the county or the Regional Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Services Advisory Committee area in which the county participates.

I appreciate your partnership during these challenging times, and wish your community all the best in your continuing efforts to ensure residents are safe and healthy while continuing to support your local businesses as we deal with this global pandemic.

Arapahoe County 5 Star Certification Program
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Hause', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ann Hause
Director, Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance

CC: Michelle Halstead, Director of Communication & Administrative Services
Arapahoe County
via email