



JENNIFER PETERSON  
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

---

541 4th Street • P.O. Box C • Ouray, Colorado 81427 • 970-325-7320 • FAX: 970-325-0452

## MEDIA RELEASE

April 8, 2021

Contact: Jennifer Peterson, Public Information Officer  
Phone: 970-325-7320 x134  
Email: [jpeterson@ouraycountyco.gov](mailto:jpeterson@ouraycountyco.gov)

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Ouray County to Re-open Government Facilities

Ouray County, Colo., Ouray County Government Facilities will re-open to in-person services beginning on Monday, April 12, 2021. This includes the Ouray County Courthouse, Public Health Office, Social Services Office, Sheriff's Office, Ouray County 4-H Event Center and Land Use and Road and Bridge offices.

Ouray County is currently in Level Green of the State of Colorado Color Dial which is providing a safer opportunity to once again reopen public facilities to in-person services. Please know that it is easy to move between Levels Green, Blue and even Yellow, so it is necessary to gently ease into these new procedures.

Your cooperation is appreciated as we transition back to in-person business and we thank you in advance for your patience as we practice specific safety protocols. Ouray County is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for its employees and patrons to conduct County business as well as keeping its employees working to serve the community in a beneficial way. The County's "Safe Reopening Plan" follows current guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Guidance.

Measures to protect our Employees and Patrons are as follows:

#### Signage Implementation:

- Signage will be placed at the entrance of each County facility to remind all employees and patrons to adhere to the following:
  - Avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever
  - Wear non-medical face coverings over the nose and mouth
  - Maintain a minimum of six-feet from one another for social distancing

#### Measures to Protect the Public (Patrons):

- Patrons to all County facilities may be limited in number for the purpose of conducting County or Court business based upon the business purpose and facility size as follows:  
*[This number does not include staff.]*
  - Courthouse Regular Business: No more than (10) patrons at any time  
*(The Courthouse Security Officer will help by asking patrons the purpose of their visit to the Courthouse. This will allow him to monitor the number of patrons per department.)*

- Courthouse BOCC meetings: Zoom for Public in Board Room. BOCC and staff only at location
- Courtroom – Court Proceedings: No more than (40) patrons
- Land Use Conference Room: No more than (10) patrons
- Land Use / Road and Bridge Reception: No more than (3) patrons
- Ouray County 4-H Event Center Large room: To be determined upon substantial completion of vaccination rollout
- Ouray County 4-H Event Center ½ of Large room: To be determined upon substantial completion of vaccination rollout
- Ouray County 4-H Event Center small meeting rooms: No more than one group upstairs at a time with a maximum of (10) patrons
- Public Health: No more than (6) patrons
- Ouray County Sheriff's Reception: No more than (4) patrons
- Social Services: No more than (4) patrons
- Patrons and visitors must wear non-medical face coverings over the nose and mouth
- Hand sanitizer will be made available at the entrance/exit of each County facility
- Temperature checks at facility entrances will be made available
- Arrangements (day, time, location) may be made for people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19

Please remember that Ouray County offers other options for conducting County business, such as: utilizing Drop Boxes located at the Ouray County Fairgrounds, Colona, and at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Ouray; electronically, by telephone and through the U.S. Postal Service and other delivery services. County buildings are open Monday – Thursday 9am to 4pm.

County Staff appreciates the public's patience and understanding as they work through these new procedures. These times are undoubtedly challenging, but staff is excited to once again be able to see the public and serve our community members in person.

###