



A message from the Mayor about COVID-19

Dear Ridgway Community –

As we continue to navigate the uncharted waters of COVID-19, I want to ensure the community that we are doing all we can locally to maintain the health and safety of our residents and businesses. We remain vigilant in our efforts to mitigate the impact of this pandemic in our community, despite the many uncertainties. In light of the Governor’s recent Stay-At-Home Order, I thought it would be helpful to provide a brief list of what is permitted and not permitted, according to that order. This is not a comprehensive list so please refer to the Order at <https://covid19.colorado.gov> for the complete catalog of essential activities and services, as well as the continuing social distancing requirements.

Permitted:

- Getting medical care for you, a family member or your pet
- Visiting a health care professional
- Getting medical supplies or medication
- Shopping for groceries, food (via takeout, drive-thru, food banks/pantries) or other essential household items
- Shopping for liquor or marijuana items
- Getting supplies to work from home
- Picking up materials from your child’s school needed for distance learning (tablet, books)
- Going outside for physical activity, as long as you stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not in your household and follow other social distancing practices
- Going to work, ONLY if you provide essential products or services at an essential business (health care operations, infrastructure operations and maintenance, certain government functions)

Not Permitted:

- In-person public or private gatherings of any size with people outside of your residence
- Traveling, except to get or provide essential services or medical care
- Carpooling with anyone outside of your residence

For more information about the state’s order, please visit: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

Earlier this week, a new call service, 2-1-1 Colorado, was launched to connect people across the state to vital resources in their local community. 2-1-1 serves as one central location where people can access over 7,500 health and human service resources. 2-1-1 Resource Navigators are available to help by phone, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and have access to a language translation service to accommodate over 170 languages. Coloradans can also reach 2-1-1 toll-free by dialing 866-760-6489.

The Town has a lot of information related to COVID-19 available on the Town website, www.colorado.gov/ridgway. You can also find a list of restaurants providing take out services that the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce developed and consistently updates. Please check it out at <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/covid-19-restaurant-response> and enjoy some food and drink from our local establishments in the days ahead. Lastly, there's a new website full of resources for anyone in need, whether personal or business, at <https://ouraycountyresources.com>.

We're also encouraging our community to share how you're managing all the uncertainty in our world right now, while still following the Stay-At-Home Order and practicing social distancing. Share your stories, experiences and inspirational messages using #OurayCountyUnited on the Town's Facebook page.

The Town continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and take the appropriate precautions recommended by Ouray County Public Health and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). For County-specific questions, please call the Ouray County COVID-19 Hotline at 970-626-5484.

During this challenging time, please feel free to reach out to me directly at jclark@town.ridgway.co.us if you have any thoughts, questions or concerns. Stay safe and let's all look out for each other. I remain certain that we can, and will, get through this if we continue to work together.

John Clark
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Town of Ridgway