

# The latest message from the Mayor about COVID-19



Dear Ridgway Community –

The last couple of weeks have been a whirlwind. With the recent sharp uptick in positive cases here in Ouray County, as well as being flooded with emails and statistics about COVID-19 in our region, I'd like to take a minute to focus on something positive – the resiliency of our community. In the midst of growing concerns over public health and safety, we need to remember that it's the people of Ridgway that make our community so special. And it's the strength of our community that we need to rely on as we enter another challenging phase in the pandemic.

I want you to know that the Town is here for you and we are doing everything we can to help protect our community. In order to be successful, we need everyone to do their part and remain vigilant. Nine months into the pandemic, I know we're all sick and tired of it! But as cases are spiking across the region, the country, and the world, it's vitally important that everyone continue to be patient, mindful and considerate as we follow the latest health guidelines from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. By the time you read this, Ouray County will have transitioned to Level Yellow of the state's Safer at Home Dial. For now, all sectors in our county will be required to operate according to the corresponding allowances and occupancies for Level Yellow. This information can be found on the County's website at <https://ouraycountyco.gov/396/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Updates-and-Resourc>.

It is critical that we support one another during this difficult time. I want to reassure you that the health and well-being of the community is our top priority and we are committed to slowing the spread of COVID-19 through the measures being implemented by CDPHE. Remember, the virus is the enemy, not the health restrictions. The places that have managed to keep the virus at bay are the ones that haven't let down their guard!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Town staff with your questions and concerns. Also, if you haven't already done so, please enable the Colorado Exposure Notification service on your smartphone. This notification system complements existing statewide health safety protocols and is critical to preventing further spread of COVID-19. Visit [www.addyourphone.com](http://www.addyourphone.com) to learn more about it.

By staying calm, practicing patience, staying vigilant regarding exposure prevention and simply remembering to be kind to each other, we will get through this!

John Clark  
Mayor  
Town of Ridgway