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City of Salida Elevating to COVID-19 Tier III of the Action Plan

Salida, CO – Due to COVID-19 cases increasing in Chaffee County, along with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment moving Chaffee County to the Orange Level on the State’s COVID-19 Dial, the City of Salida will be elevating its stance to **Tier III** of its COVID-19 Action Plan effective December 4, 2020. The Action Plan can be found at the City’s website:

As part of its approach to the Tier III designation, **the City of Salida will be significantly limiting access to the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center.** Please go to www.salidarec.com for new rules and procedures that will be in effect in order to visit the facility. **Also, the Paquette Gallery at the Salida SteamPlant Event Center will be open on a very limited basis.** The SteamPlant Theater and Annex remain closed at this time.

In addition, the City Council and Planning Commission meetings, along with meetings of all boards and commissions, will allow very limited in-person attendance for purposes of conducting public hearings beginning on December 4, 2020. The City will now require that those wishing to testify to please do so via our GoToWebinar platform or by email or letter. Testimony in person for public hearings will be limited to only applicants or appellants of an agenda item. Anyone providing testimony must wear a mask and remain at least six feet away from others both inside and outside of the Council Chambers. Procedures for hearings can be found at www.cityofsalida.com.

We will continue to work with officials of the Chaffee County Public Health Department and the Board of County Commissioners on evaluating the COVID-19 pandemic and our response via the City of Salida’s Action Plan. Information regarding CCPHD’s response to this situation can be found on their Facebook page: [@COVID19ChaffeeCounty](https://www.facebook.com/COVID19ChaffeeCounty).

Mayor P.T. Wood said, “As we enter these critical winter months before a vaccine is widely available, it is important for the City to limit the potential for spread of COVID-19. This can only be done by reducing contacts between people, keeping your distance from people, eliminating unnecessary meetings or travel, and other measures as recommended by the Chaffee County Public Health Department. We’re grateful for CCPH’s efforts to keep our community open for

business for as long as we've been able to, and now is the time to assist our public health professionals by taking these restrictive actions.”

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