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## City of Salida Moves to Tier II of the COVID-19 Action Plan

Due to COVID-19 cases decreasing in Chaffee County, along with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment moving Chaffee County to the Yellow Level on the State's COVID-19 Dial, the City of Salida will be reducing its stance to **Tier II** of its COVID-19 Action Plan in effect as of February 26, 2021. The Action Plan can be found at the City's website: <a href="https://www.cityofsalida.com">www.cityofsalida.com</a>.

As part of its approach to the Tier II designation, the City of Salida will be opening additional access to the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center. Please go to <a href="https://www.salidarec.com">www.salidarec.com</a> 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 remain open on a limited basis. The SteamPlant Theater and Annex may reopen on a limited basis for small events in compliance with the Chaffee County Public Health Order.

City Council and Planning Commission meetings, along with meetings of all boards and commissions, will allow limited in-person attendance for purposes of conducting public hearings beginning on March 2, 2021. The City continues to request 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 10 members of the public allowed in the meeting room at any given time, in addition to the City Council, Planning Commission, or staff members. 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 <a href="https://www.cityofsalida.com">www.cityofsalida.com</a>.

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.

Mayor P.T. Wood said, "The City Council and I would like to express our gratitude to Chaffee County Public Health and Director Andrea Carlstrom for their hard work in keeping Salida and Chaffee County open for business. The City's response to opening up more activities and spaces at the Aquatics Center, the SteamPlant, and at City Hall is directly related to the community following best practices for hand washing, social distancing, mask wearing, and vaccine distribution by CCPH and Heart of the Rockies Medical Center. We look forward to continuing the decline in cases and hospitalizations, leading to more reopening of our wonderful City. Please keep up the good work in keeping Salida safe!"

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