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SALIDA, COLORADO

County Facilities Will Incrementally Re-Open to In-Person Services

Modified operations will serve public while maintaining COVID precautions

As Chaffee County's vaccination rate steadily increases and COVID-19 infection rates continue to decrease within the local community, County Administration has determined it will begin to re-open many of its public offices for limited in-person services starting on Monday, March 15th. Re-opening will be conducted in a phased manner for the protection of staff and community. The County's public meetings will continue to be facilitated virtually through the Zoom platform until further notice. Please visit <a href="https://www.chaffeecounty.org/">https://www.chaffeecounty.org/</a> for specific meeting information and Zoom access details.

Each County department continues to consult regularly with Chaffee County Public Health on their operations and office re-opening considerations. Each department will implement specific plans based on its physical space and types of business it conducts. The County asks the public to please limit in-person services to more complex needs or transactions that may be better addressed on-site with staff. Those who are able to do so are encouraged to continue to utilize remote services, including over the phone or on-line or through the drop-boxes or via mail. Visitors are also encouraged to contact the department of interest before visiting the offices if there are questions or concerns about on-site services.

COVID-19 precautions and capacity limitations will be required for all visitors in all County public facilities in keeping with state and local Public Health Order mandates. This includes all visitors wearing face coverings while indoors, maintaining physical distancing, and avoiding being in public when feeling ill or while under quarantine or isolation. Chaffee County reserves the right to limit the number of people on-site and refuse in-person service to anyone who does not comply with required COVID-19 precautions.

County Administration offices on the second floor of 104 Crestone remain closed to the general public for the time being. Individual meetings may be scheduled by appointment. Please call 719-539-2218 or email <a href="mailto:chaffeeadmin@chaffeecounty.org">chaffeeadmin@chaffeecounty.org</a> for general assistance. The County will share updates to its re-opening plan and departmental details as they evolve in coming weeks.



## **Chaffee County Government**

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Chaffee County Public Facilities ~ Re-Opening Information		
Department	Re-Opening Details	Contact Information
Administration	The Administrative Offices on the second floor of 104 Crestone will remain closed to the general public. Individual meetings may be scheduled by appointment. The County's public meetings will continue to be facilitated virtually through the Zoom platform until further notice.	For general assistance: 719-539-2218  chaffeeadmin@chaffeecounty.org
Assessor	Limited in-person appointments, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m 4 p.m. Please contact the department directly to arrange.	104 Crestone Avenue P.O. Box 699 Salida, Colorado 81201 719-539-4016 assessor@chaffeecounty.org
Clerk & Recorder	Chaffee County Motor Vehicle Offices in Salida and Buena Vista will open in a limited capacity beginning Monday, March 15, 2021. Office hours are Monday - Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  On-site service will be open to customers requiring assistance with more complex transactions such as title work. This will generally be limited to 2 visitors on-site at any given time.  Customers who are just renewing their registrations are encouraged to continue to use online services, or submit renewals through the mail or drop-box.  Online motor vehicle services: <a href="https://dmv.colorado.gov/">https://dmv.colorado.gov/</a> **Note: County Offices do not process Driver's Licenses. Contact the State at 303-205-5600 for assistance.	Motor Vehicle Office Contact Information:  Salida Motor Vehicle Office 719-539-4004 104 Crestone Ave. PO Box 699, Salida, Colorado 81201  Buena Vista Motor Vehicle Office 719-395-8296 112 Linderman Ave. Salida, Colorado 81211  More information at https://chaffeeclerk.colorado.gov/  Email the Clerk at Imitchell@chaffeecounty.org
Development Services, including Building and Planning departments	Development Services will have limited capacity for in-person services beginning Monday, March 15th. This will generally be limited to 1 visitor on-site at any given time. Call when arriving on-site for issuance of trade permits.  Office hours are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	104 Crestone Avenue P.O. Box 699 Salida, Colorado 81201 719-539-2124 bdepartment@chaffeecounty.org
Fairgrounds	The Fairgrounds will remain closed to the general public due to the conduct of testing and vaccination clinics and related traffic.	719-539-6151 rmosby@chaffeecounty.org



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Department	Re-Opening Details	Contact Information
Housing Authority	Limited in-person appointments. Please contact the department directly to arrange.	Touber Building 448 East 1st St. Salida, Colorado 81201
		719-239-1398
		bgray@chaffeecounty.org
Human Services	Limited in-person appointments. Please contact the department directly to arrange.	Touber Building 448 East 1st St., Suite 166 Salida, Colorado 81201 719-530-2500
		Buena Vista office: 719.395.0344, ext 1000
		Deanna.schoger@state.co.us
		www.chaffee-hhs.org/
Landfill	The Landfill remains open to the public for regular drop-off and disposal services, Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Note, the Landfill is required to close on days with high winds. Call ahead if this may be of concern.	16550 Hwy 285 Salida, Colorado 81201
		719-539-3738
Public Health	Regular immunization and TB clinics and general programming meetings are scheduled by appointment only. Due to providing large-scale testing and COVID-19 vaccinations out in the community, the office will remain closed to the public at this time.	719-539-4510 health@chaffeecounty.org
Treasurer	One customer at a time is permitted in the Treasurer office in Salida. No appointment needed.	104 Crestone Avenue P.O. Box 699 Salida, Colorado 81201
	There is a drop box for Buena Vista residents at 114 Linderman Ave, Buena Vista at the Human Services facility entry way.	719-539-6808
		dcopper@chaffeecounty.org
Weed Management	Limited in-person appointments. Please contact the department directly to arrange.	104 Crestone Avenue P.O. Box 699 Salida, Colorado 81201
		719-221-0102
		kmalone@chaffeecounty.org