AGENDA

Chelsea Rosty, City of Montrose

- The U.S. Small Business Administration will re-release loan programs, likely this week, bringing funds to small businesses and nonprofits. Availability for funding will be on a first-come first-served basis, so it is important to be prepared now and apply as soon as the funds are released. Find out more information about these programs from the Colorado Nonprofit Association and the National Council of Nonprofits.

  ○ Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) (Note: page currently under construction)

    ■ The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.
You must apply through a lender.

- Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

- An established program that helps small businesses and nonprofits overcome the loss of revenue during a declared disaster such as a hurricane, major fire, or, in this case, the COVID-19 pandemic. This loan includes a $10,000 advance (if you apply).

- Apply online when EIDL becomes available.

- What You Can Do Now:

  1) Contact your local bank ASAP to see if they are an approved SBA lender:

     - Find eligible lender banks here

     - If your bank is not an approved SBA lender, contact an approved bank immediately

  2) Gather the following items NOW:

     - Copy of authorized agency representative’s driver’s license or other valid form of identification (front and back)

     - Quarterly Federal Tax Form 941s (or annual Form 940) for 2019

     - First quarter Federal Tax Form 941 for 2020, if available

     - Payroll roster for the period including February 15, 2020, along with support in the form of internal payroll register or documentation from a third-party payroll vendor such as ADP or Paychex

     - Copy of calculation for Average Monthly Payroll
○ Primary contact name, email address and direct phone number (for non-profits, should be someone in leadership position, such as Executive Director, CEO, or Board Chair)

○ Some banks may require additional documentation such as: articles of incorporation, by-laws, IRS form 990 etc.

3) Review the video guides from Colorado SBDC to familiarize yourself with the programs and application process:

○ Colorado SBDC video guide for PPP loan. Here is the past PPP application that you can review. Be sure to work with your lender for the most current application.

○ Colorado SBDC video guide to filling out EIDL application

○ For information about the Consortium’s Grant Writing Assistance Program, click here.

● Today is the first day of ‘Safer at Home Colorado’

○ Retail can begin curbside.
  ■ Taking orders online or over the phone
  ■ Payment is done electronically

○ Real Estate can begin showings.
  ■ Open houses are not permitted at this time.

○ Car Washes can open today as well.

● Friday, May 1st

○ Full Retail and Personal Services open with proper social distancing and health practices in place.
  ■ Beauty Salons
Barbers

Tattoo Parlors

1:1 Personal Training

Dance Studio - If you can safely social distance, with 9 or less people (which includes the instructor and/or business owner), then that would be permitted under this order.

Monday, May 4th

Offices can reopen at 50% reduced capacity. Continue to telework whenever possible.

If you have 20 employees, 10 of those employees should be at the office at one time.

This can be staggered shifts where half of the workforce comes in during the morning, and one in the afternoon.

No congregating in the break room

Montrose County Business Guidance industry-specific, click here.

Dr. Joe Adragna, M.D., M.H.A., M.G.H., FAAFP, Peak Pros

Presentation attached below


Review Current Data

Reported data is not the same thing as onset data. If there is a delay in testing, transporting that data, and
reporting, it will be put on a day even though you’ve been sick previously or had your test done five days ago.

- Our data mirrors the State’s data, and Mesa County’s as well.
- Keep in mind that this does not represent what will happen as we move forward.

○ Review Projections
  - Note that these models are 100% incorrect. Interpret with caution.

○ Review Progression Criteria
  - To progress through phases, Montrose County Public Health will ensure a decreasing or stably low case count, adequate medical capacity, adequate testing capacity, and adequate contract tracing (which means our public health team follows up with those people who have a positive result and we try and make sure we contact with the people they’ve been around within the last 14 days to provide isolation and quarantine, education and offer testing), isolation, and quarantine compliance (if we get a bunch of people who test positive and say they are not going to follow isolation orders and they are going to move about around other people that may cause our case count to go up and our date to change), and no data or trends to suggest an impending surge.

○ Our Approach
  - Encourage businesses
  - Support you
- Share best practices and information
  - We are pro-business, pro-safety and we can do this together while keeping each other safe.

- Business Ambassadors - Here to support your business
  - You may get a phonecall or email
  - They may stop into your business to offer help
    - If you don’t want their service that’s fine
    - They can help troubleshoot for you/with you to think of some creative ways to implement public health safety while running your business.

- Your Safety
  - Your health is important to us.
    - If you're sick, we can't get businesses going back to full steam ahead.
  - The virus can still live on surfaces for 5 days, so it’s important to continuously wash your hands and disinfect surfaces.

- Speak up in your businesses
  - Sick employees
    - If you have a sick employee, they shouldn't be in your place of employment.
    - Encourage them to stay home until they have a clearance from their provider that they’re not contagious, or they clear up their symptoms.
○ There is a template to screen your employees. Click here.

● Congregation points

● Venues (public spaces or private venues) 10 or more

  ○ 10 or more people are prohibited, nine or less is fine.

○ Masks

  ■ Required by all employees of critical businesses and critical government functions who work in close proximity to other employees or with the public or that prepare or handle food that will be made available to the public.

  ● If they cannot wear a mask then they should work remotely if possible or distance from the public more than 6 feet from coworkers.

  ● Require at ALL TIMES in congregated care settings

● New public health order (expected to come out today) needs to be reviewed to see if it requires non-critical government functions to also wear a mask under these circumstances.

  ○ Ex: If I'm out by myself landscaping my front yard, do I need to wear a mask? No, you're by yourself and you're outside: there is plenty of distance, you don’t need to wear a mask.

○ Gloves

  ■ Encouraged but not required for most businesses
The difference between public health intervention and personal health intervention, I (Dr. Adragna) have concerns about pushing glove use, because I’m worried it will decrease hand washing and sanitizer use.

- Gloves can become contaminated as well
- If you’re using gloves, put on a new pair between customers and their items.

○ Distance
- Employees need to be six feet apart
- May need to stagger shifts, change hours or days.
- Be a model for customers

○ Customers
- Masks should be encouraged
  - Signs, announcements, websites, print materials
  - Coupons for mask use?
- Maintain six feet of separation whenever possible
  - Look at lines, waiting rooms, and chair placement – one-way aisle creation
- Discourage patronage by the sick (signs, announcements)
  - Alternative shopping methods – online, delivery, curbside pickup

○ Resources
- Montrose County COVID page, click here.
Resources and Questions

- **Do you think we will peak again or see an increase of cases as a result of this decrease of social distancing?** - Yes, I (Dr. Adragna) think we will see an increase in cases, and hopefully our projections indicate correctly that we won’t surge our hospital capacity. We’re going to be following that. We have a meeting every morning with the City and County representatives going over that data, we also meet with the hospital regularly. We have been meeting with the hospital twice a day, sometimes more, we’ll continue to meet with all of the stakeholders to make sure that we have up-to-date information and can act quickly. With that being said, I want to remind everyone that there is a delay. If you get exposed today, most likely you will not show symptoms for four days up to thirteen days. If you look at Easter Sunday, that was April 12th, we think there were quite a few people that didn't follow the existing stay-at-home order, so we had an increased case count that showed up on the 25th. So at 14 days we saw an increase in cases. Why 14 days? Four days for symptoms, and then the average date of onsite illness to the date it's been reported is eight days. Eight days is the amount of time to get in to see the doctor or get a test done, and then to get the test result back. Somewhere in between six and 14 (plus or minus a couple days), you will see an increase in case counts. I suspect there will be an increase in case counts if the models are correct based on the information we have today, we may see increased cases late June. We don’t know what will happen in the fall. There could be increased cases. It all depends too on our herd immunity. If more people are exposed over the next couple of months as we do decrease our social distancing, and build our immunity to the SARS Covid virus, we may be better protected as we enter into the fall.
• **Ideas or guidelines for thrift stores as they start to receive used goods.** I (Chelsea Rosty) know that the hospital has been practicing something very similar right now as they’re receiving goods. What are your thoughts on how to receive used goods, so that it’s safe? – That goes back to the concept of foam mites. Foam mites are a non-living contact of surface on an item such as a desk, that has the potential to spread infection. Rule of thumb, if you take an item from the community and you let it sit for the recommended amount of time, you should be relatively safe to handle it at the point. Let them rest in the corner for five days and then come back to it.

  ○ Five days for metals
  ○ Three days for cloth products
  ○ Four days for wood

• **If we are at a social distance, how can you cut someone’s hair?** – It’s important to remember that social distancing relates to social interactions. Our goal is to minimize those interactions as much as possible for the time being. We recognize that personal services still need to occur. You still need to go to the doctors office, and they need to break that six feet of separation. Maybe you go to the chiropractor, or someone to cut your hair, we can be smart about this. It’s not you interacting with 50 people all at once, which the point there is, if there is a positive case, it will overwhelm our contact tracing capacity. If you had one client every 20 minutes that you were taking care of, then that limits the exposure, still not ideal, but it’s still within reason. I (Dr. Adragna) would encourage those who are in contact, where a mask themselves, wash their hands between contacts with customers, wipe down their surfaces with an approved agent. If you practice this, I think that you are safe. If you look at the guidance put out for healthcare workers, and their risk of getting the illness in the event of exposure, they will find it as if there was source control
or not. Was the person you were taking care of wearing a mask, and
you've got a face covering, even if they have Covid-19 you are, you are
very unlikely to get that illness. If you have prolonged close contact,
you still have low risk as long as both of you are wearing masks. If
they aren't wearing a mask, aren't coughing all over the place, your
risk also goes down. If you have someone you're worried about, they're
coughing, they don't look well, they're sweating a lot and have a fever.
It's okay to say to them “I'm worried about your health, and I want to
reschedule our appointment”.

- **Can I open my Medical Massage Practice?** - Medical message generalling is
not a high splash risk, like maybe going to a certain spa. If you are
using lubricants or oils, make sure that you are minimizing splash risk.
If there is a high splash risk reconsider using a solution to put on
some safety goggles. Personal contact in that use while using your PPE
(personal protection equipment) like your face mask, and washing your
hands, should be just fine. Now if you have cuts and open wounds on your
hands, that puts you at risk, I'd encourage you to wear gloves.

- **What are the criteria for testing? Can you talk about the hospital's
capacity at this time and what our response parameters are to that
effect?** - Hospital capacity is something we track everyday, because it
influences our decisions as well. The hospital has capacity to continue
normal operations up to about 50 hospitalized patients. Keep in mind
they have not gotten above five confirmed covid-19 hospitalized patients
at one time. Not that doesn't mean that they didn't have a whole lot of
other patients that were pending their test results, but their results
came back negative. So at one point we had 15 hospitalized patients at
MMH. We either had confirmed covid cases or they were pending their test
result. They can go into overflow capacity up to 75, and then the County
has worked with the hospital to set up what's called a “Tier 2”
alternative care site that would add capacity by another 50 beds in the
event of a surge. I can assure you that if that happens we would be back
to very strict county public health orders. We do not want to care for people in a cot in a gym that needs to be in a hospital. We are prepared if that happens. A “Tier 3” site would be for people that don’t need a hospital but can’t go home quite yet, but would have a capacity of 50 people as well. We are following the CDC guidance testing which is broken down into three sets of criteria. Montrose County has been doing 1 - 3 priority testing now for weeks. Priority 3 is where most people will fall into. That means that you have no risk factor, like COP, asthma, or heart disease, but if you have symptoms of Covid-19, you would qualify for a test.

- Ex: 30-year-old healthy person, that has a cough and low grade fever, your doctor can’t otherwise explain why you have that, you qualify for Covid-19 testing.
- You are not getting a test if you showed symptoms 21 days ago but now feel great.
- If you are a hospitalized patient, healthcare worker, first responder with symptoms or exposure, person with risk factors and showing symptoms, you will be tested.

- Our business is based mainly on tourists in the summer. Does the city have info on the opening of RV Parks and hotels and will you keep us informed of tourists coming to Montrose as times goes by? - Hotels are able to be open and have been open this entire time. With RV parks, that has been along the same lines. We are supportive of businesses, we look back on public risk. If you're going to a hotel, and are not congregating in conference rooms, then those businesses would be able to operate, and we have not shut them down like other counties did. Many of our hotels chose to shut down and that was economic reasons, not an order. When it comes to tourism, the State of Colorado has been thinking a lot like we have, turning our travel inward and crossing off their Colorado bucket list. Many festivals have been canceled.
I think I saw a bullet about child care - can you tell us more about the recommendations for safely re-opening childcare? Thank you! - We do appreciate those child care operations that were able to stay open for our healthcare workers. That was a big concern from the medical staff from the get go. Limit classroom sizes, 9 or less, encourage educating your employees about the importance of hand hygiene, hand washing and sanitizer use. Also, if the people you are in care of are old enough to wear a mask, that’s awesome, but the teacher or care provider needs to be wearing a mask, contact cleaning like surfaces, toys and doorknobs. Also, limiting the types of household toys that came in played a factor. If it was a type of toy that you could not clean or wipe down, then you couldn’t bring it, and limit it to one or two.

Assuming 6 Ft separation, a sterilized ball, do you think doubles pickleball can be safely played outdoors? - Yes, with people that are not sick.

- Organized team sports like baseball, football, basketball, etc... The City of Montrose is not allowing those until larger groups of 50 or more are allowed. There is close contact between players and spectators in stands that are close together.

Is employee screening encouraged or mandatory? - For most of the businesses in Montrose that are going to be encouraged. Use your best judgement and use common sense. I would encourage all businesses to screen their employees. Make sure that you are screening yourself.

Should dressing rooms be opened to the public? And should those items be returned to the floor or placed back to processing for another 5 days? - If you can keep it off the floor for five days that is wonderful, but if you can keep it off the floor for at least three days that is sufficient for cloth surfaces.
• **What are the benchmarks for getting back to normal? Is it 14 days declining cases? we want to make sure there are actually triggers for “opening” so we can plan as we see more data.** - We are not going to use one data point. We don’t have one set of criteria.

• **What is your best guess on when restaurants will be able open?** - We don’t have any hard data on that. The Governor said mid May. The City and County can be more restrictive than the State.


• **Our store steams clothing items. The general consensus among consignment stores is that steaming will kill the virus. They believe that clothing items can be steamed and immediately be placed on the floor. I am concerned that the steam may cause the virus to become airborne especially if someone just tried that item on. What are your thoughts?** - I support that. There is information that I haven’t studied that supports killing the virus. I do know that seven degrees celsius for 30 minutes will kill the virus. I would say use common sense and if you can apply the steam for a minute, great!

• **I am not seeing people wear masks at our drive-up window. I would prefer customers wear them, however is this required? Drive-up at our liquor store.** - It is not required that the general public wear a fast mask at this point. However, if someone has Covid-19 but they don't have source control, but you are wearing a mask, you are considered low risk. Also wear safety goggles.

• **We are a local Fly fishing shop and do guided fishing trips. Are these trips allowable at this time, generally they are 3 people or less for approx 4 hrs.** - If there is a way for people to be six feet apart, and
drive themselves separately, and it’s within 10 miles of Montrose, then it should be okay.

- **Will restrooms on golf courses remain closed? What are your feelings on a public bathroom in a small business?** - Restrooms on golf courses will remain closed. It would be best to keep your restrooms closed to the public but use your discretion. If one person uses your bathroom and you adequately clean, that’s not presenting much of a health risk.

- **I take all precaution and do my part on sanitation, following the rules on Covid-19 and say a client claims to get it from your place of business. How can you protect yourself financially since most liability insurance companies have a small clause not covering viruses since the SARS?** - I (Dr. Adragna) don’t think anyone is going to be able to prove they got it from your facility.

- **Can we be less restrictive if Montrose is improving beyond what the State sees? or are we following the State and only willing to deviate if we are being more restrictive, like Gunnison County?** - At this time yes, we agree with the Governor's order. Montrose is not the same as Mesa County. We have more cases than them, we’re also not the same as Denver County. If we applied for a waiver we wouldn't get it because we can't show 14 days of consistent lowering positive case rate. We only have a few positive cases per day. We would have to have zero cases for 14 days.

- **When do you expect Gymnastics and Martial Arts classes to be able to open with restrictions?** - If you are having physical contact then no. As soon as the state allows it, the County will reevaluate. The Governor is reevaluating that every few weeks, so we’ll let you know when we know. Gymnastic gyms are using the no spotting rule, so they are able to remain open as long as they are able to have 9 or less and maintain six feet distance.
What about wearing a mask and cutting hair? - The public health order, the new on 20-28, does not require medical grade face masks, or those under personal services. Both employees and customers must wear at least a cloth face covering at all times. If they are sick, do not provide them services. Protect yourself.

Attachments

NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 8:30 AM

Click here to register.