



**TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE 2021-05
ORDER PERMITTING JURY TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF JUDGE**

The Governor of Colorado has declared a State of Emergency related to the presence of novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19. Furthermore, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is working to stop the spread of COVID-19 and has implemented several emergency measures.

On May 5, 2020, Chief Justice Coats issued an updated order regarding the operation of Colorado state courts. In his order, the Chief Justice requires all state courts to continue to operate on an emergency basis and “continue the safe conduct of all legal business, whether essential or not.”

On July 24, 2020, Chief Justice Coats issued his Updated Order Regarding COVID-19 and Operation of Colorado State Courts. Pursuant to this order, the Chief Justice stated that a waiver from him to conduct a jury trial would no longer be required but that “no person shall be summoned to assemble for jury service in a state court without authorization of the Chief Judge of the particular district, following his or her determination that the jury pool in question can be safely assembled consistent with applicable executive orders and health directives.”

On January 28, 2021, I issued Administrative Order 2021-02 canceling all jury calls through March 7, 2021. The Court has continued to evaluate public health information related to COVID-19. Although certain key indicators maintained by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have shown that COVID-19 is persistent and the Current Level of Protection required by Mesa County Public Health is “HIGH RISK ORANGE” (see attached), there has been a marked improvement in the data, including the One-Week Cumulative Incidence Rate and One-Week Average.

Mesa County Public Health has stated that with their recommended protocols in place it is once again advisable for our district to again conduct jury trials and the judges in this district are in agreement that jury trials should once again be permitted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective immediately, that:


- (1) A jury trial may not proceed without the prior approval of the Chief Judge.

(2) After considering both the interests of justice and the risks to public health, a judge may submit a request to the Chief Judge for approval to conduct a jury trial that is scheduled to begin on or after March 8, 2021. If the Chief Judge approves the request, the trial must be conducted in accord with the requirements of the Chief Judge and all public health orders. The trial judge may also order any additional requirements that are deemed to be appropriate.

(3) Given current public health orders and the space limitations of the Mesa County Justice Center, presiding judges may still postpone jury trials and declare mistrials due to a public health crisis or limitations brought about by such crisis, even if a jury trial has been approved by the Chief Judge. Pursuant to Crim. P. 24(c)(4), the declaration of a mistrial, however, must be supported by specific findings.

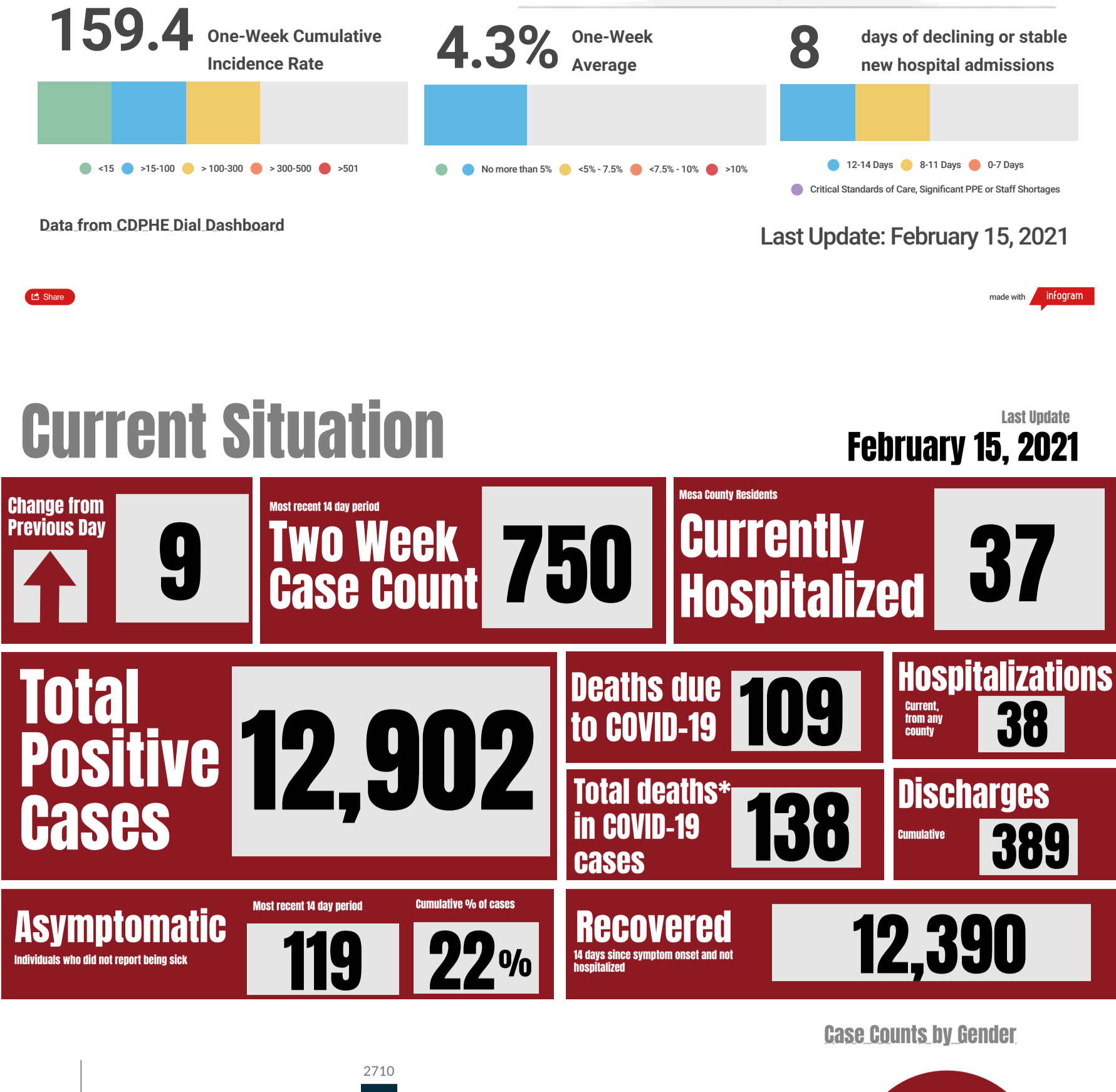
(4) Administrative Order 2020-14, which places a limit on the number of people who may be present in a courtroom when non-essential judicial functions are being conducted, does not apply to jury trials that are conducted pursuant to this Order.

Done this 16th day of February 2021.


BRIAN J. FLYNN
Chief Judge

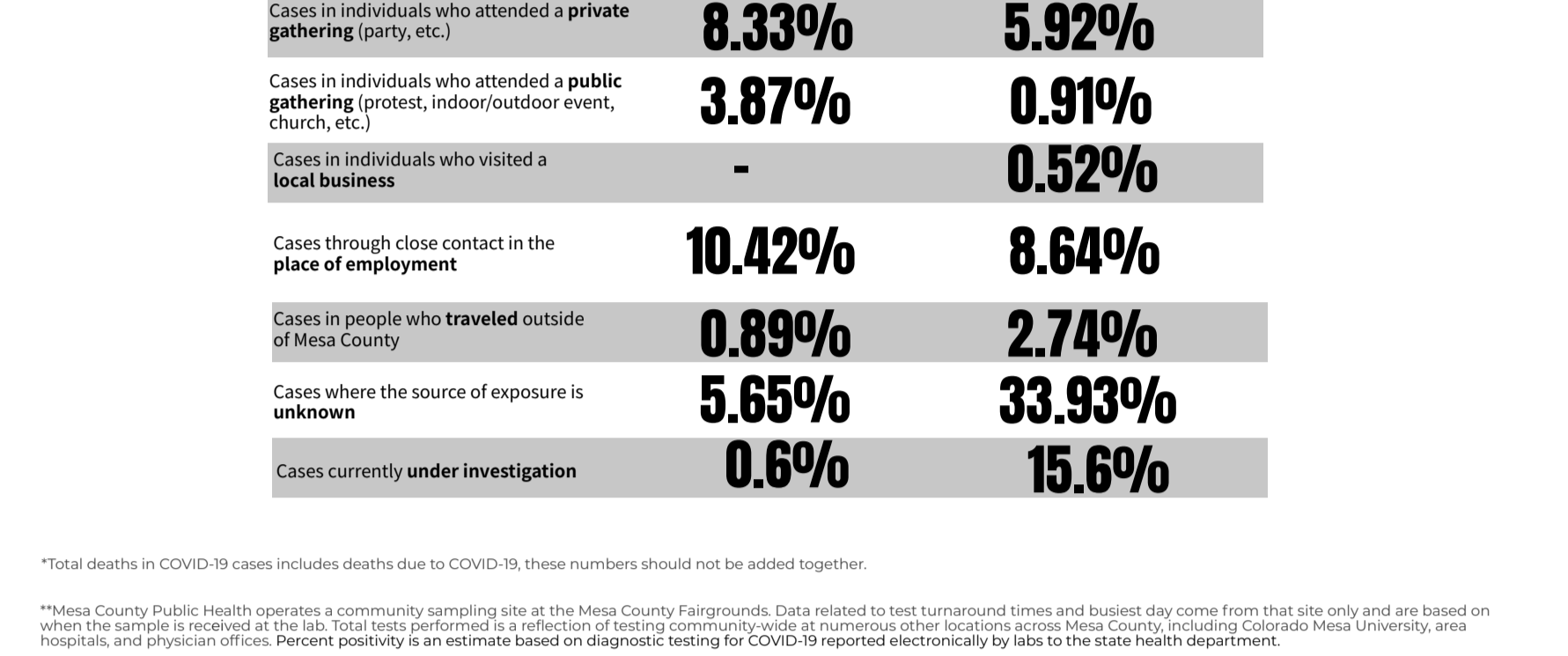
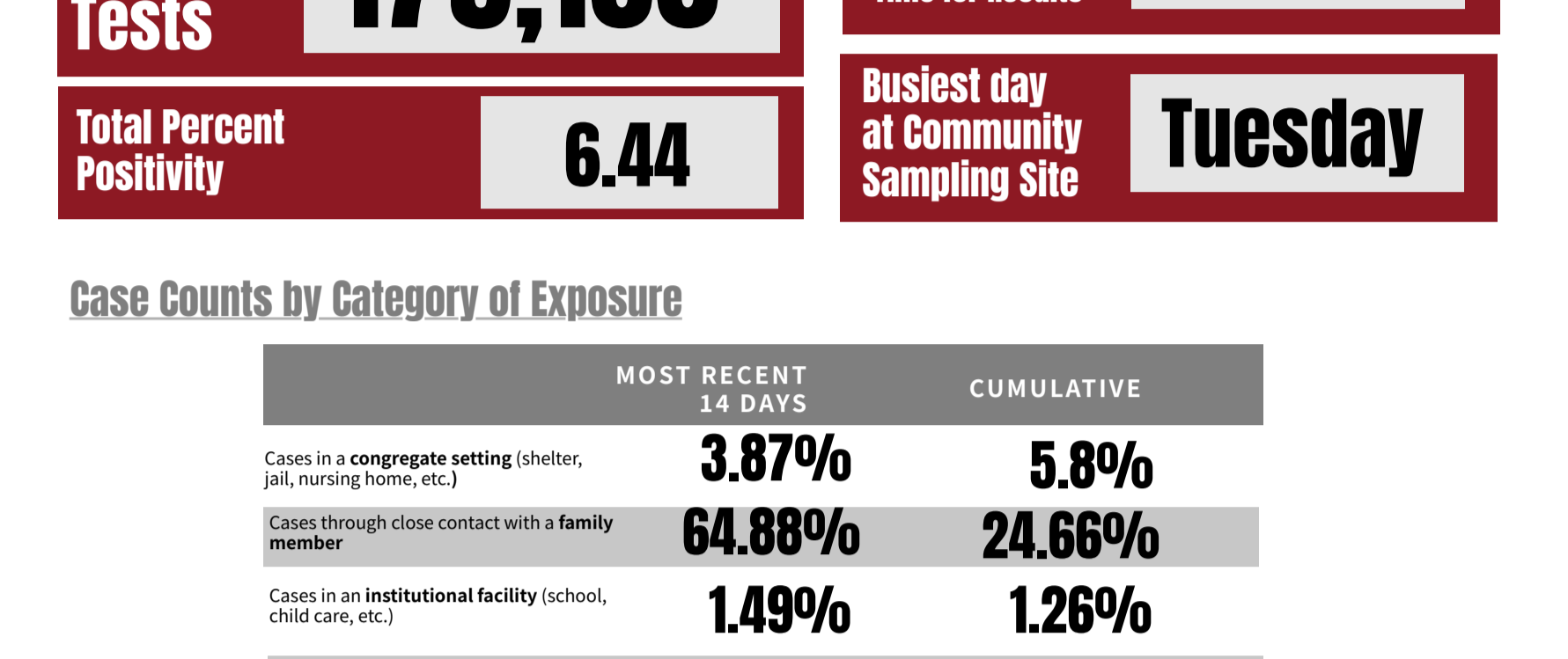
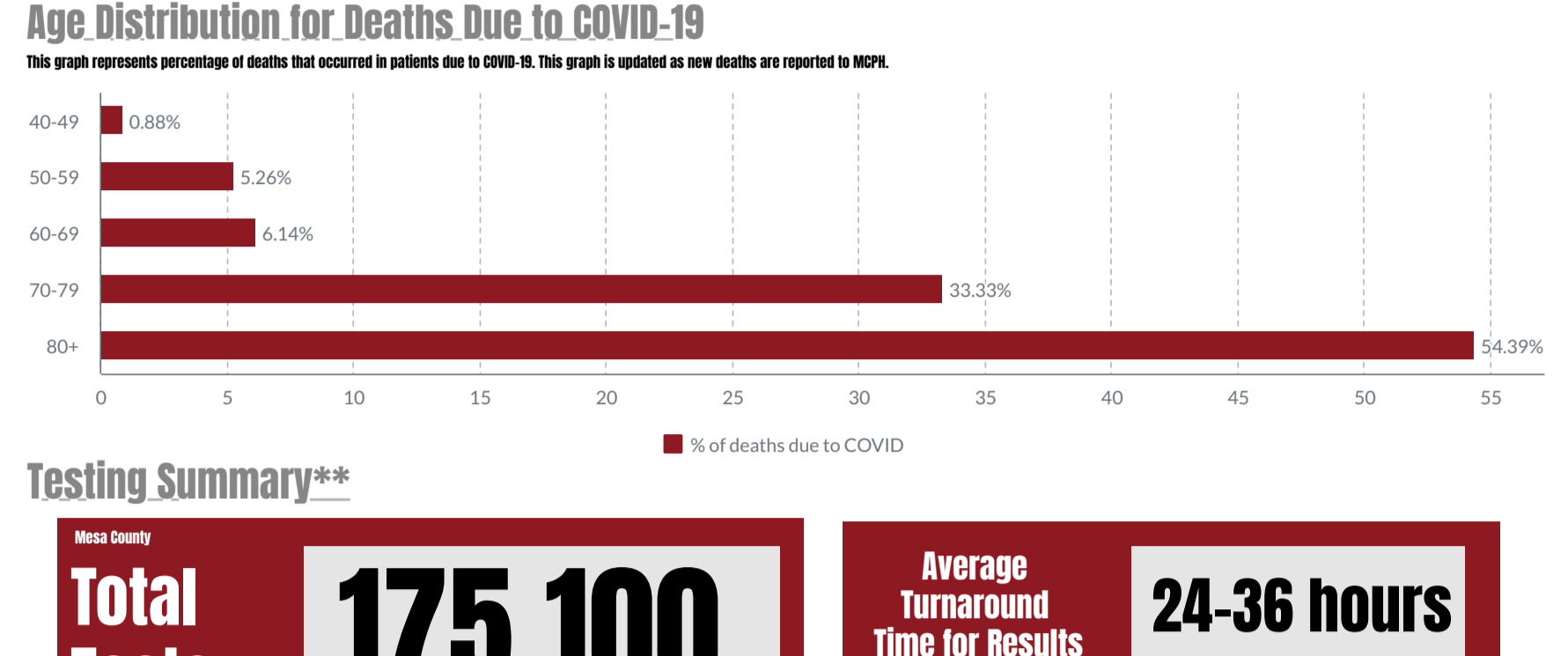
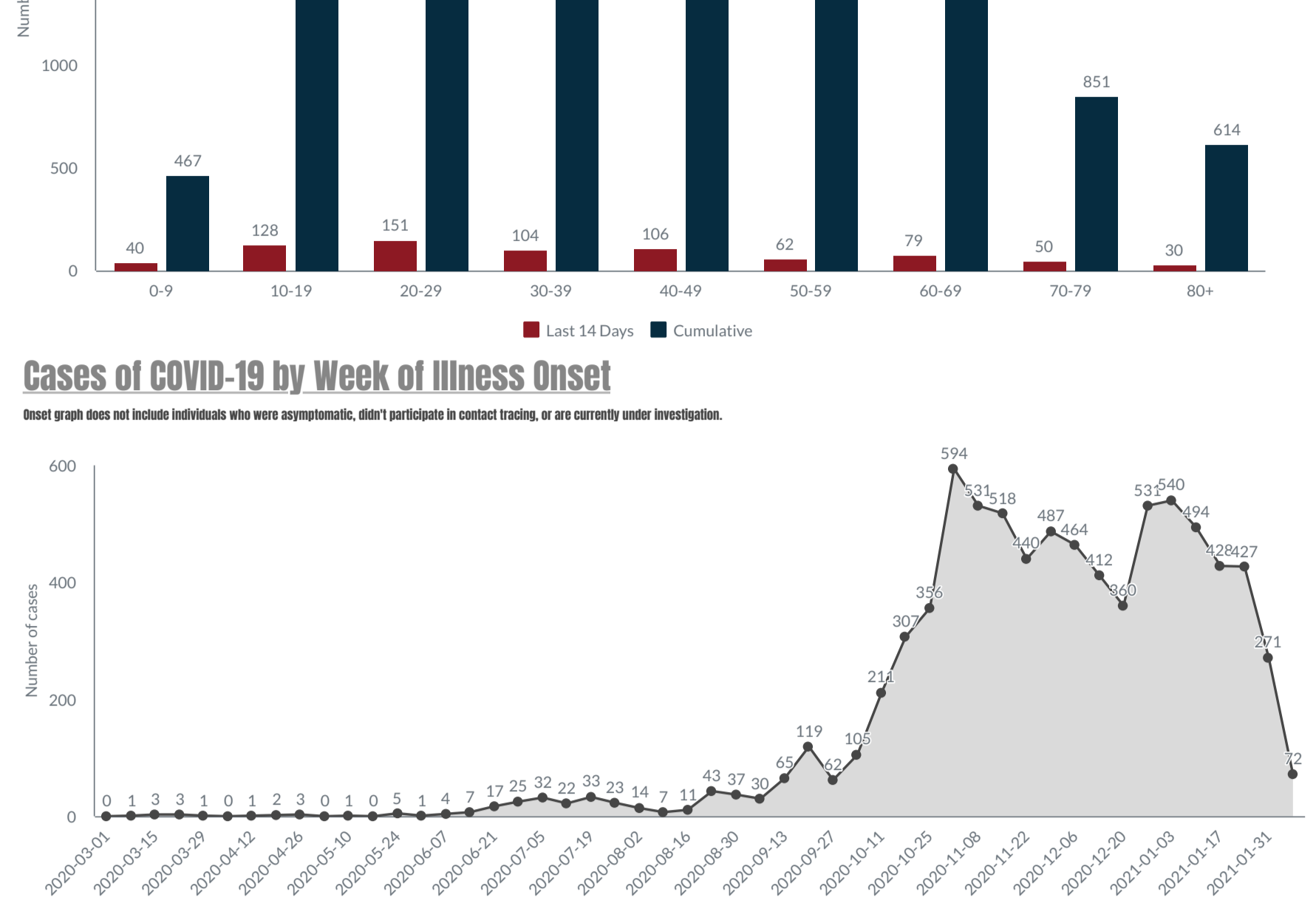


COVID-19 Data Dashboard



Current Situation

Last Update: February 15, 2021



Testing Summary**



Case Counts by Category of Exposure

Category	MOST RECENT 14 DAYS	CUMULATIVE
Cases in a congregate setting (shelter, jail, nursing home, etc.)	3.87%	5.80%
Cases through close contact with a family member	64.88%	24.66%
Cases in an institutional facility (school, child care, etc.)	1.49%	1.26%
Cases in individuals who attended a private gathering (party, etc.)	8.33%	5.92%
Cases in individuals who attended a public gathering (protest, indoor/outdoor event, church, etc.)	3.87%	0.91%
Cases in individuals who visited a local business	-	0.52%
Cases through close contact in the place of employment	10.42%	8.64%
Cases in people who traveled outside of Mesa County	0.89%	2.74%
Cases where the source of exposure is unknown	5.65%	33.93%
Cases currently under investigation	0.6%	15.6%

**Total deaths in COVID-19 cases includes deaths due to COVID-19, these numbers should not be added together.

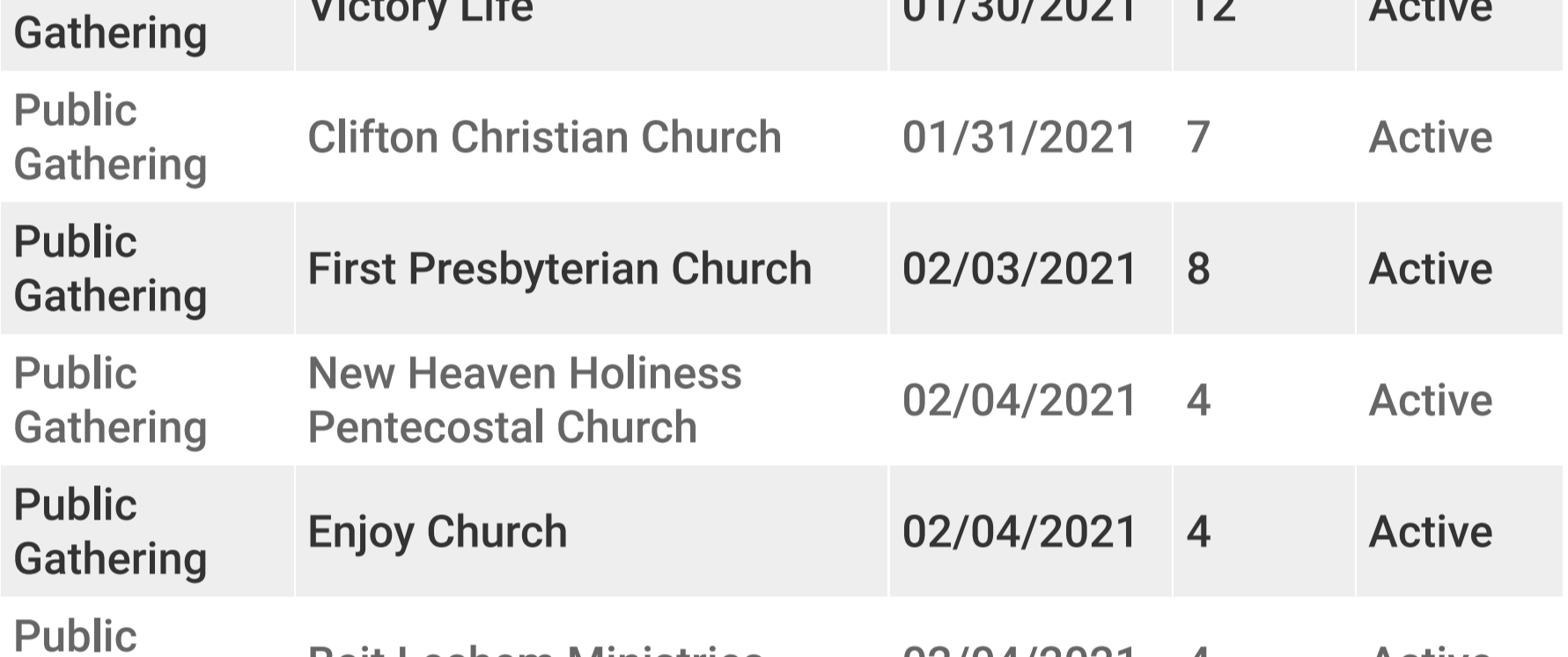
*Mesa County Public Health operates a community sampling site at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Data related to test turnaround times and busiest day come from that site only and are based on when the sample is received at the community sampling site. A full list of reporting community sites is available on our website. Source: Mesa County, including Colorado Mesa University, Mesa Hospital, and project partners. Percent positivity is an estimate based on diagnosed testing for COVID-19 reported electronically by labs to the state health department.

This dashboard is updated each day, usually around 5 p.m.

Vaccine Dashboard

[click here to view the data](#)

Hospital Capacity



SOURCE: EM Resources | Last Update: 2/15/2021

COVID-19 Outbreaks

This table shows all current and previous outbreaks of COVID-19 in Mesa County.

Exposure Category	Facility Name	Initial Report Date	# of Cases	Status
Public Gathering	Canyon View Vineyard Church	01/02/2021	25	Active
Public Gathering	Living Stone Christian Church	01/02/2021	5	Active
Public Gathering	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	01/29/2021	10	Active
Public Gathering	Life Tabernacle Church	01/30/2021	12	Active
Public Gathering	Stillwater Cowboy Church	01/30/2021	9	Active
Public Gathering	Victory Life	01/30/2021	12	Active
Public Gathering	Clifton Christian Church	01/31/2021	7	Active
Public Gathering	First Presbyterian Church	02/03/2021	8	Active
Public Gathering	New Heaven Holiness Pentecostal Church	02/04/2021	4	Active
Public Gathering	Enjoy Church	02/04/2021	4	Active
Public Gathering	Beit Lechem Ministries	02/04/2021	4	Active
Public Gathering	Fellowship Church	02/04/2021	4	Active
Congregate Setting	La Villa Grande Care Center	10/07/2020	113	Active
Congregate Setting	Hilltop Life Adjustment Program	10/15/2020	53	Active
Congregate Setting	Mesa County Jail	11/04/2020	170	Active
Congregate Setting	Grand Junction Regional Center	09/25/2020	68	Active
Congregate Setting	Palisade Living Center	11/01/2020	54	Active
Congregate Setting	The Commons	10/23/2020	31	Active
Congregate Setting	Community Corrections	11/20/2020	42	Active
Congregate Setting	Mesa Manor	11/30/2020	81	Active
Congregate Setting	Eagle Ridge of the Grand Valley	11/30/2020	75	Active
Congregate Setting	The Oaks	12/18/2020	10	Active
Congregate Setting	High Desert Assisted Living	01/19/2021	9	Active
Institutional Facility	Independence Academy	10/15/2020	8	Active
Institutional Facility	Fruita Monument High School	10/20/2020	17	Active
Institutional Facility	Orchard Avenue Elementary	10/26/2020	6	Active
Institutional Facility	Grand Junction High School	10/17/2020	18	Active
Institutional Facility	Grand Mesa Middle School	11/12/2020	14	Active
Institutional Facility	Thunder Mountain Elementary	11/12/2020	5	Active
Institutional Facility	Central High School	11/20/2020	23	Active
Institutional Facility	Canyon Ute Head Start	12/24/2020	5	Active
Workplace	Enstrom Candies	11/20/2020	20	Active
Workplace	Mesa County Sheriff Department	01/04/2021	11	Active
Workplace	Grand Junction Police Department	01/04/2021	13	Active
Workplace	West Star Aviation	01/18/2021	26	Active
Workplace	Colorado Department of Transportation	01/21/2021	10	Active
Congregate Setting	The Lodge at Grand Junction	11/09/2020	26	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Grand Villa Assisted Living	11/12/2020	26	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Aspen Ridge Alzheimer's Special Care Center	11/20/2020	12	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Capella Assisted Living	12/18/2020	18	Resolved
Congregate Setting	The Center at Foresight	12/22/2020	20	Resolved
Congregate Setting	The Willows	12/18/2020	25	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Solstice Senior Living at Grand Valley	12/09/2020	37	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Homeward Bound	10/27/2020	65	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Mantey Heights	12/14/2020	22	Resolved
Workplace	Reynolds Polymer Technology	11/30/2020	11	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Larchwood Inns	10/18/2020	172	Resolved
Institutional Facility	Little Lambs Daycare	01/04/2021	9	Resolved
Local Business	Warehouse 2565	10/14/2020	24	Resolved
Congregate Setting	The Retreat at Palisade	11/20/2020	31	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Blossom View Assisted Living	12/01/2020	13	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Community Intersections	11/19/2020	6	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Residential Youth Services (Hilltop)	10/25/2020	7	Resolved
Workplace	Peach Tree True Value	11/30/2020	5	Resolved
Local Business	Orchard Mesa Lanes	9/29/2020	33	Resolved
Local Business	Freeway Bowl	9/29/2020	14	Resolved
Institutional Facility	East Middle School	10/18/2020	13	Resolved
Public Gathering	Victory Life Church	10/22/2020	5	Resolved
Workplace	Colorado West Gymnastics	10/19/2020	10	Resolved
Institutional Facility	CMU Football	9/15/2020	7	Resolved
Congregate Setting	The Fountains	10/26/2020	11	Resolved
Institutional Facility	Peace Officers Academy (CMU/WCCC)	11/30/2020	19	Resolved
Workplace	Perri Powersports	11/20/2020	5	Resolved
Workplace	Networks Unlimited	11/30/2020	4	Resolved
Workplace	LiquiGreen	10/07/2020	1	Resolved
Private Gathering	Bunco Night	10/07/2020	7	Resolved
Workplace	Golden Gate Petroleum	9/29/2020	5	Resolved
Workplace	Bin 707	9/21/2020	12	Resolved
Workplace	84 Lumber	10/19/2020	16	Resolved
Private Gathering	Wedding at Double Tree	9/02/2020	3	Resolved
Public Gathering	Downtown Vineyard Church	8/29/2020	11	Resolved
Institutional Facility	Orchard Avenue Extended Hours	8/29/2020	4	Resolved
Workplace	RokSol	8/29/2020	5	Resolved
Congregate Setting	Grand View Care Lodge	7/13/2020	13	Resolved
Workplace	The Ale House	11/20/2020	6	Resolved

Key Data Indicators

- Outbreaks
- How COVID-19 Spreads
- Public Health Priorities
- Community Goals
- Additional Resources

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