

# LEVEL ORANGE: SAFER AT HOME HIGH RISK

## P-12 Schools

Per the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)  
[Public Health Order \(PHO\) 20-36](#)

### Applies to:

- P-12 public and private schools for the purpose of:
  - Providing meals and/or housing
  - Facilitating or providing materials for distance learning
  - Providing in-person learning or other essential services to students as determined by the school or school district in consultation with the local public health agency

Note: Such institutions are required to work with state and local public health officials and follow case and outbreak guidance for schools when cases of COVID-19 are suspected or confirmed in students or staff. This process determines transmission mitigation strategies, the need for isolation and quarantine, and shifts to remote learning.

### What caused the change?

Due to a change in one or more of the following metrics, El Paso County moved to Level Orange: Safer at Home High Risk on the COVID-19 Dial:

- Number of new cases per 100,000 people
- Percent positivity
- Impact of hospitalizations

For more information about the COVID-19 Dial, please visit:

- [El Paso County Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [COVID-19 Dial Policy](#)
- [Explanation of the Level and Capacity Limits](#)

### The impact:

**Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in-person as appropriate.**

Schools must follow [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Outbreak Guidance](#).

**Note: P-12 schools are considered Critical Businesses per PHO 20-36. Local districts can make determinations regarding structure and format of education based on local factors.**

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## The impact (continued):

For more details, please see [Appendix A of the CDPHE Public Health Order 20-36](#)  
Or refer to the [CDPHE Safer at Home page](#)

***Please continue to practice public health prevention measures including wearing a mask, washing or sanitizing hands frequently, practicing social distancing and staying at home if sick.***  
*If a gathering does not fall under specific sector guidelines, capacity is limited to 10 people from 2 households.*  
*For information, questions, or concerns regarding the Public Health Order, please call: 719-578-3167.*