

April 15, 2020

Our summer season is not starting off as we had planned in the early months of 2020. Everything has changed and will continue to change. I will post updates to our website as I get them to help you decide how to plan for the summer.

The website for our county is <https://www.huerfano.us> for anyone who wants to keep up with the numbers and the restrictions. It is confirmed that the virus is in our beloved Cuchara, Walsenburg and La Veta but do not have any further details. The website is still showing only one confirmed case of Covid19 in Huerfano County. The reason is that to be tested the people must go to Pueblo or Colorado Springs for the test. If the test is positive, they are included in the count for the county where they are tested. Currently there are restrictions to “stay at home” and wear masks when out. I hear that they are stopping people who have been out of the county at the county borders, especially those coming from the “hot spots” such as Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver or other large cities. You must show that you have enough food and provisions to stay at your residence for a 14-day quarantine. Keep in mind that the community that we love is not equipped with the medical infrastructure to handle this pandemic with an influx of summer people. Also, the grocery stores are struggling to keep enough provisions for the full-time residents, just like our stores at home. There are a few restaurants that are open in La Veta for takeout only, with very limited hours. Nothing is open in Cuchara at this time.

Currently, we are not making any decisions on opening the Cuchara Community Center. Many activities are already on the books and we have cancelled the bookings for late May and early June. Cuchara Hermosa has cancelled all their activities for the summer. The Chapel has not made their decisions either. The Bachman Huerfano Calendar is showing activities for the summer, but all of that is subject to change as the restrictions change. We are monitoring the policies of the state and county which will govern if and when we can have activities in the Valley.

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