



[State of Colorado COVID-19 Website](#)

Hello Everyone,

These are unusual, challenging, and uncertain times. To every person who has lost their job, had to close or modify their business, or is sick themselves - I am so sorry. To every single medical professional and volunteer, every trucker, grocery store worker, law enforcement, and anyone else who cannot stay home - thank you, thank you, thank you! As we work through this challenging time, you have my word that I will do whatever I can to help support, mitigate, and rebuild our communities and economy.

It is so important that we all are practicing social distancing so we can flatten this curve but it is also vital that we are finding ways to stay connected to family and friends -- with that in mind, I hope you can find some time to join me for a [virtual town hall meeting this week](#) where we'll talk about local responses and answer your questions. Details below.

#DoingMyPartCO

Sarah, Hattie, and I have been doing our part to practice social distancing - thankfully we are still able to be outside enjoying the beautiful place we call home!





Hiking Redneck Ridge above the Town of Eagle today!

The purpose of today's newsletter is to provide you all with important updates and resources. If you cannot find what you need below, please contact me.

Also, as things develop and change quickly, I'll be posting constant updates on my [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages - please follow for the latest!

UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE

On March 10th, Governor Polis declared a State of Emergency in Colorado. This provides the Executive branch with the flexibility needed to direct available resources, modify regulations, and take extraordinary measures to aide Coloradans.

On March 14th, the Colorado Legislature temporarily adjourned all legislative activities in the Capitol building until March 30 (at the earliest), at which point we will reassess the situation. Both the House and the Senate [submitted a request to the Colorado Supreme Court](#) asking for an opinion on whether the 120 allocated calendar days for the session are required to be consecutive, or if we will be able to be in session for the remaining days upon the return of the General Assembly. If and when we are able to return, we will certainly have a lot of work to do helping Colorado recover.

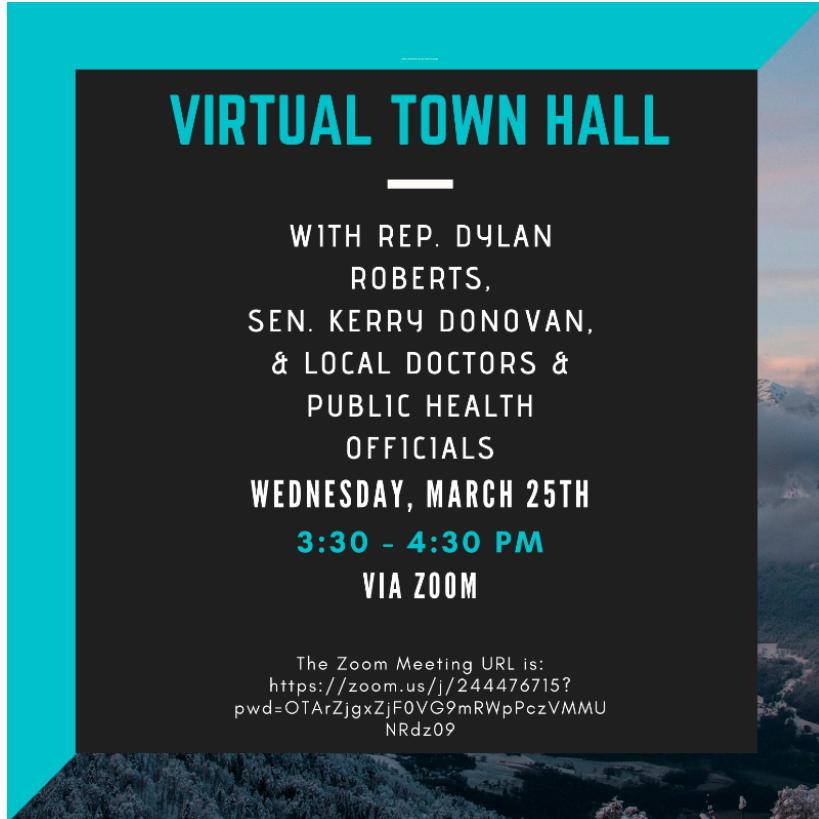
Even though we are recessed, we are still working to serve our constituents and welcome your feedback, ideas, and questions [anytime](#). In the past week, I have been working with officials in all levels of government to connect people to resources, discuss ideas for future legislation to respond, and urging our US

Congress members to pass aide packages immediately.

You can see updates from the Colorado Legislature as well as other useful resources related to COVID-19 [here](#)

Join us for a Virtual Town Hall Meeting

this Wednesday, March 25th!



Please join Sen. Donovan and me for a virtual town hall meeting via Zoom to discuss the state's response to COVID-19, the latest from the legislature, and to ask your questions! Heath Harmon, Public Health and Environment Director for Eagle County and health officials from Vail Health, including President & CEO Will Cook, will join us to speak about local response and resources and answer your questions.

Wednesday, March 25th from 3:30-4:30pm

The Zoom Meeting URL can be found [here](#).

OR you can call in using this number: **+1 669 900 6833**; followed by the member ID: **244 476 715#**.

[CLICK HERE TO ADD THIS EVENT TO YOUR CALENDAR](#)

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR QUESTIONS

If you have a specific question you would like answered during the meeting, in order to make best use of time we are asking folks to please submit your question in advance using the google form found [here](#).

Information on COVID-19

To get the most accurate information on coronavirus in your area, please visit:

[Eagle County Public Health Department's page](#)

[Routt County Public Health Department's COVID-19 page](#)

To learn more about how the **Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)** is handling the outbreak and to view the resources they are providing, please visit their [COVID-19 resource page](#)

If you have any questions, CDPHE has set up a phone line (**CO HELP**) at **303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911** for answers in many languages. You can also email them at COHELP@RMPDC.org for answers in English.

The Governor's office continues to provide daily updates with essential information on COVID-19. For a complete copy of his declaration and current media releases, [click here](#). To stay updated with the Governor's recommendations for best practices, his numerous executive orders, and all other updates, check his [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#).

Resources

Small Business Support

- EAGLE COUNTY: [Business Resources](#)
- ROUTT COUNTY: [Business Resources](#)

Small Business Development Center Network, [COVID-19 Response Resources](#)

- [Colorado COVID-19 Business Resource Center](#)
- Colorado was approved for the Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. To apply go to [SBA.gov](#) or call (303) 860-5881.

Unemployment

- The Governor has ordered up to four days of [paid sick leave](#) for certain categorized workers that are experiencing flu-like symptoms and awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- [File and unemployment claim](#)
- Anyone who has lost their job or who has their hours cut due to COVID-19 may be eligible for [unemployment insurance benefits](#)

- For employers who are looking to avoid layoffs, [CDLE's Work-Share Program](#) allows eligible employees to work fewer hours and collect partial unemployment benefits while still working.

**We are aware the website for unemployment is moving slowly. I have asked the Department of Labor to rapidly increase bandwidth but in the meantime, keep trying (and try early in the morning and late at night).

Food Assistance

- [Hunger Free Colorado](#) has set up a Food Resource Hotline for anyone who needs help locating food. Call 855-855-4626, M – F (8 am – 4:30 pm) to find school meals, food pantries, and SNAP and WIC enrollment.

School lunches available!

Eagle County: Eagle County School District is still providing lunch to whomever needs it. Pick up between 11am-1pm, bag lunches can be picked up at:

- Eagle Valley High School in Gypsum
- Battle Mountain High School in Edwards

MORE INFO: [Vail Daily](#)

Routt County: Beginning last Wednesday, March 18th, [the Steamboat Springs School District](#) began providing students with free brown bag lunches and next day breakfasts. The meals will be distributed at 12 different sites across the area.

MORE INFO: [Steamboat Pilot](#)

Help our local food banks!

Food banks are and will continue to be a vital resource during this time. If you are in a position to help with a financial donation, please do that today:

[The Community Market - Eagle County](#)

[Lift Up of Routt County](#)

[Salvation Army Vail](#)

[Food Bank of the Rockies - Roaring Fork Valley](#)

Help Colorado Now!

Looking for a way to help our state during this time of need?

You can donate financially OR donate your time through volunteering! Sign-up and learn about volunteer efforts in your area through [this new website](#)!#DoingMyPartCO





Relevant News

[Eagle County implements more aggressive measures to slow spread of COVID-19](#) via Vail Daily

[Facing the unknown: Local health experts address public's questions on coronavirus outbreak \(with video\)](#) via Steamboat Pilot

How To Stay In Touch

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Thank you for the privilege to serve this great district and the State of Colorado.

My best,
Dylan

