

## **Public Health, CU, and the City of Boulder Respond to Increase in COVID Cases**

**Boulder County, CO** - In the last two weeks there has been a significant increase in the number of Boulder County residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. The majority of these new cases have been among Boulder residents, particularly those aged 18 to 29, many of whom attend the University of Colorado Boulder.

Most transmission seems to be coming from large off-campus gatherings, particularly among sororities, fraternities and other students living in the Hill neighborhood, along with failure to wear face coverings and practice physical distancing.

In response, Boulder County Public Health, CU Boulder, and the City of Boulder are partnering to take swift action to stop the spread of the virus. Free COVID-19 testing will be offered to any Boulder County resident from September 16-30. [Please see this link to free testing for all Boulder County residents.](#)

CU, while primarily segregated by geography, are an integrated part of the community. They frequent bars, restaurants, grocery stores, deliver food, and some may even be your after school caregiver. Fortunately Boulder's overall numbers are still low, and our vigilance, and your help, have enabled us to remain in school face to face as we enter the end of week 5.