



City of Gunnison

July 2, 2020

Ms. Jill Hunsaker Ryan
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cheney Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246

Dear Director Ryan:

Gunnison County Public Health is applying for a certification under the State of Colorado Protect Our Neighbor program. As the Mayor of the City of Gunnison, I would like to express our full support for Gunnison County's request for a variance. The City of Gunnison is managing its response and recovery to COVID-19 under the direction and orders from the Gunnison County Emergency Operating Center and Director of Public Health and Human Services Joni Reynolds. In addition, the City of Gunnison adopted its Emergency Operations Plan on April 23, 2019, where it designated our Public Medical Officer as the Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services. All ten public health orders issued to date by the County are being complied with to the best of our ability. The tenth public health order includes the Coronameter (Risk Level Indicator) and the requiring of masks within businesses and in outdoor settings to enhance social distancing.

Gunnison County Public Health has established a contact tracing process, which meets the State's Protect our Neighbors metrics. Additionally, Gunnison Valley Hospital has as a Surge Plan in place for additional positive cases, which includes setting up a 20 patient alternate care site within Gunnison County. There are currently no COVID-19 patients admitted to Gunnison Valley Hospital.

Gunnison County is unified in combating the spread of the virus and has been successful in developing local strategies to protect the health and welfare of our residents and visitors. Please consider Gunnison County's request and grant us the ability to move forward in ensuring the physical and economic health of our community.

Sincerely,

Jim Gelwicks
Mayor

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