



Bi-Weekly Update May 15, 2020

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Get Your Favorite  
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Check Out a Live  
Stream from a Zoo

## County Submits Variance To Lower State Restrictions

Grand County Public Health submitted a variance to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on May 13 requesting approval to lower and self-regulate restrictions for local businesses in Grand County.

If the variance is approved, Grand County Public Health will issue health orders intended to progressively allow local businesses to reopen while continuously evaluating the health and safety impacts to the public.

In the variance submitted to the CDPHE, several exclusions from the current State's Safer at Home Order are requested which allow the following types of businesses to open with certain restrictions and safety measures:

- Restaurants
- Fitness and Recreation Centers
- Short Term Lodging (Short Term Rentals, Hotels, Campgrounds, etc.)
- Places of Worship

It is important to note that the variance request has not yet been approved.

Please keep in mind that it is more important than ever to continue to wash your hands frequently, cover your face in public, only gather in groups smaller than 10 people, stay socially distanced from others, and stay home if you are sick.

If restrictions are lowered, and a surge of COVID-19 cases go above a certain threshold, County Public Health orders could become just as restrictive or more restrictive than state orders to protect the welfare and safety of residents and guests. Please follow the business reopening procedures listed on page two of this document.

If you have any questions about the variance or current regulations pertaining to businesses, please contact the Grand County Joint Information Center at 970-725-3755 or via email at [jicgrandcounty@gmail.com](mailto:jicgrandcounty@gmail.com).

## Town Hall Reopening May 18

Town Hall will be reopening to the public on Monday, May 18. Visitors can enter at any time but appointments are encouraged. A meeting area has been setup in the lobby to limit potential exposure and meet social distancing requirements. Visitors to Town Hall are encouraged to wear to wear masks, but are not required.

## Community Cleanup Program

Anyone interested in enhancing their community by cleaning up the public right of ways and/or public areas in Town please contact Dale Booth at [dbooth@town.fraser.co.us](mailto:dbooth@town.fraser.co.us) or by phone at 970-726-5491 ext. 230 for trash bags, trash pickers, and safety vests. Please contact Dale Booth to pick up trash bags once you are finished for the day. Thank you for your help!



## Business Reopening Procedures



It is exciting that Fraser business can finally start taking its first steps towards reopening to the public. The ongoing pandemic has been very challenging to many of our local businesses and while everyone is looking forward to things getting back to normal. It is important that we continue to adhere to processes imposed by the Grand County.

Any business, public or private gathering, or organized recreation that intends to open or take place while the Governor's and CDPHE's COVID-19 "Safer at Home" and other state and local public health orders remain in place must also comply with the Grand County COVID-19 Mitigation and Suppression Plan. Compliance includes:

- Businesses, employers and sole proprietors shall submit a [Compliance Verification Form](#) through Grand County Public Health and display approved acceptance documentation prior to opening and receiving customers. The COVID-19 Compliance Verification Form can be found on the Grand County website at [www.co.grand.co.us/saferathome](http://www.co.grand.co.us/saferathome).
- Any business, public or private gathering, or organized recreation that is not in compliance with this and other applicable State and local public health orders shall cease operation or activity.

For questions regarding Grand County's COVID-19 response please contact the Grand County Joint Information Center at 970-725-3803 or email [jicgrandcounty@gmail.com](mailto:jicgrandcounty@gmail.com). For questions regarding the state's Safer at Home order, visit [www.covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home-faq](http://www.covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home-faq). To report violations of this order or others, please visit [www.co.grand.co.us/violation](http://www.co.grand.co.us/violation).

## Work In Grand

If you looking for work, Grand County's official website for job postings could be a great resource. Check out [www.workingrand.com](http://www.workingrand.com) for job postings, housing, and other valuable resources that can help. You can also check out volunteer opportunities at [www.grandvolunteers.org](http://www.grandvolunteers.org). There are also financial assistance resources available on these websites.

## **Grand Foundation Emergency Assistance Fund**

The Fraser Town Board understands the challenges the local business community has experienced through the current pandemic and as a result, allocated \$55,000 towards the Emergency Assistance Fund to assist with residents experiencing financial struggles and \$100,000 to the Small Business Emergency Grant Fund to assist struggling businesses. Both of these emergency funds have played a significant role in assisting Grand County residents and businesses. The Town of Fraser is proud to be the only municipality to donate to both of these efforts to strengthen our community and help pave the way back to recovery. There is still funding available from both funds, please see below on how you can apply.

The Grand Foundation has established the Emergency Assistance Fund for the COVID-19 pandemic in Grand County. In a coordinated and collaborative effort, the Grand Foundation are working closely with Grand County, community nonprofits and agencies providing direct client services. This fund was established to support vulnerable populations and help them through this crisis.

The primary focus areas for this funding will include, but are not limited to: rental/mortgage/utility assistance, food insecurities and grocery access, school districts/primary education support and behavioral health. The Grand Foundation is housing and distributing the funds to the nonprofits or agencies in the county which provide these direct services to vulnerable populations.

### **Who Are Considered Vulnerable Populations?**

Vulnerable populations are identified as: lower income persons, seniors, youth, displaced workers, and at-risk populations including those with underlying health conditions and/or individuals with a disability.

### **For Applicants**

The Mountain Family Center will be accepting and administering all applications for rental/mortgage/utility assistance, food insecurities and grocery access. They can be reached at 970-557-3186.

### **Other Services Currently Offered by Mountain Family Center**

Food pantries (non-perishable food, limited fresh produce and meat, personal care items, pet food). No need to call ahead. No qualifications required. Just stop by!

– Granby location: open M-F 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

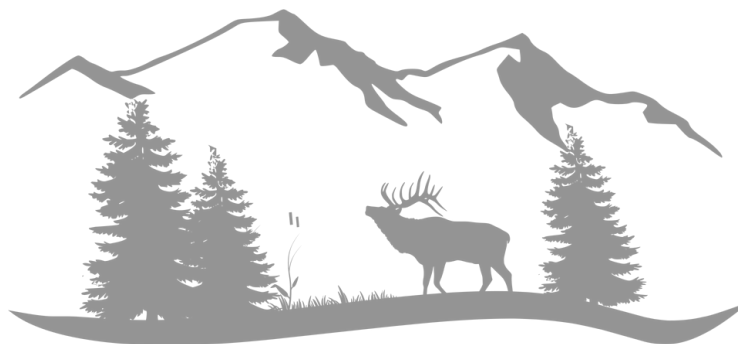
– Kremmling location: open M-F 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For senior services (medication pickup, grocery delivery or other needs): call 970-887-3222.



### **How To Donate**

Donations can be made directly to the Grand Foundation earmarked for the “Emergency Assistance Fund.” 100% of all dollars raised will go back to the community. For more information on how you can donate, call 970-887-3111 or click the following link: <https://grandfoundation.com/Donate?fund=Emergency%20Assistance%20Fund%20for%20COVID-19>



## Emergency Small Business Assistance Fund

The Grand Foundation (GF) has established an Emergency Small Business Assistance Fund in response to community impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in Grand County, CO. This Fund, created in response to the economic impact of COVID-19, will provide relief to small businesses that may have had to temporarily close, are struggling with paying rent, mortgage and or utilities. This fund is for small businesses, this is defined as a business that has a bricks and mortar location and an employee base of 50 or less.

To apply for the Small Business Assistance Fund, click the following link to fill out an application <https://grandfoundation.com/Portals/0/Documents/small-business-emergency-grant.pdf> or call 970-887-3111 for any questions.

## Everyone Counts: 2020 Census

Don't forget to complete the 2020 Census. It can be completed online at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). Census organizers have suspended hand delivery of census packets to residences until the COVID-19 outbreak subsides.

For more information, check out <https://www.colorado.gov/colorado-census-2020>.

# Stuck at Home?



It has *never* been easier  
to respond to the **census**  
on *YOUR OWN*...



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## Support Local Businesses

Many local businesses are still serving customers that comply with new mandates from the State of Colorado. Many restaurants offer food and drinks to go or for delivery. Hardware stores are still open with different hours. Essential services are still running in the Fraser Valley.

Click on the following link for the most up-to-date information for businesses that are still open to support our local economy:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wjb1BnsRgyUdupCwPJKZ2Lgtjx-rKrdxv0YkghR3dSU/edit#gid=1883557023>.

Status of businesses may change daily so be sure to check the link or contact the business before making any plans.

For helpful resources for local businesses and community assistance, check out the Fraser and Winter Park Chamber of Commerce link here:

[https://www.playwinterpark.com/updates-alerts?fbclid=IwAR1OkwxO3TQHov3uRAVTD4BGvbUxY\\_t74oqY0qSd6IDuKiXaYKt7PxG864Y](https://www.playwinterpark.com/updates-alerts?fbclid=IwAR1OkwxO3TQHov3uRAVTD4BGvbUxY_t74oqY0qSd6IDuKiXaYKt7PxG864Y)



**Not in the mood to cook? Order some food delivered by places like Elevation Pizza, Julio's Cantina, and 85Fifty Food Truck. Several restaurants also offer take out food orders. Check out the provided links for more info!**

## Public Works

### Street Operations

Street operators continue to clear roads and medians.

Street operators are repairing guard rails, valley pans and addressing any damage along roads and right of ways as needed.

Rip rap along the Fraser River has been added to at the CR 804 culvert and other areas along the Fraser River Trail.



In the photo above, rip rap has been placed to prevent erosion in and around the culverts.

### Water Utilities

The Water Utilities crews have begun summer maintenance activities including conducting our leak detection survey. Acoustic monitoring devices are connected to hydrants and valves in order to locate the sound signature of leaks in the pipe. The precise location of leaks and estimated volume of loss can then be calculated by correlating the distance between the receivers. This allows leaks to be repaired in a preventative manner instead of responding to costly emergency repairs.



In the photo above, an acoustic monitor is placed by a fire hydrant to detect any signs of leaks.



## Did You Know?

This year, the last school bell won't actually ring...but you can help ring in summer all across the state of Colorado. On Friday, May 29 at 3 p.m., grab a bell, step outside and ring it for the kids and the teachers. Ring it for the front line. Ring it for what really matters. Ring in better days ahead.



You've got to love the sunsets in Fraser as seen in the photo capture above.



Please feel free to contact us with any questions  
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