Coronavirus

Cases surge among the young, endangering older adults

By Carie Johnson and Cristin Taylor, Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Coronavirus is spreading among young adults in a number of states, with officials reporting a growing number of cases in teenagers and younger people who have previously been considered at lower risk.

In Oregon, Mississippi, Wisconsin and Georgia, officials reported more than 100 new cases in young adults this month, as students have returned to classes and some states have allowed outdoor sporting events to resume.

In Oregon, more than 100 new cases were reported in people ages 18 to 20 in June, compared with 15 cases reported in that age group in May, state health officials said.

In Mississippi, the number of cases among people ages 18 to 25 has increased from 37 in May to 89 in May, according to the state health department.

In Wisconsin, the number of cases in people ages 18 to 24 increased from 14 in May to 24 in June, according to the state health department.

In Georgia, the number of cases in people ages 18 to 24 increased from 46 in May to 146 in June, according to the state health department.

In all four states, officials said the increase in cases among younger people is concerning because it could lead to outbreaks of the virus among older adults, who are at higher risk of severe illness or death.

"These numbers are cause for concern," said Dr. Thomas Farley, an epidemiologist at New York University.

"The virus is still out there, and it's still spreading," he said. "And the more people who get infected, the more likely it is that we'll see outbreaks in other settings, including nursing homes and other long-term care facilities."
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Lead Boulder Valley Superintendent Rob Anderson to become CrossFit CEO

By Kelsey Hammon Staff Writer

For the Camera

Boulder County reported 35 additional coronavirus cases on Wednesday, ending the almost-weeklong decline in daily case numbers. Of those cases, 25 were report- ed to Tuesday’s roundtable.

No new deaths or hospitalizations were reported with the jump in cases, and two patients have recovered since Tuesday. There are now 1,123 cases across the county, 156 of which were reported in the last seven days. To date, there have been 71 deaths and 174 recoveries.

Leaders in the county increased by two from Tuesday to 277.

Complete details on Wednesday’s 35-case spike. The number of new cases each day seemed to be declin- ing, with Tuesday only recording no new cases. The weekend spike largely fell into the 20-29-year-old age group, which has the highest number of new cases.

Recovery by the county increased by two from Tuesday to 277.

Additional coronavirus cases on Wednesday were reported in Boulder’s University Hill neighborhood. Wednesday recorded 186 cases within the age group, and that number has stayed relatively high in any other age group this week.

The number of new cases on Wednesday’s 35 cases are still below 200.

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School resource officers

BVSD enacts 4-month plan

By Amy Boards Staff Writer

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Webinar Series

Aging & Altitude CONVERSATIONS

By Kelsey Hammon Staff Writer

Boulder County community leaders provided a vision of what Colo. 119 could look like if it could be remodeled to allow better flow for multiple modes of transportation, including a corridor-wide bike path, express lanes and bus rapid transit.

While the plans have been in discussion among city and county leaders since a 2014 Northwest Area Mobility Study identified the corridor as a priority for improved mobility, Wednesday marked a first chance for the public to listen in and get an overview of the project during an online kick-off membership meeting.

Commuting Solutions, a Louisville-based nonprofit advocating for transportation improvement in the northwest metro region, helped to host the conversation over Zoom. Audry Deliartos, Commuting Solutions executive director, joined Boulder, Longmont, Boulder, county, RTD and state transportation officials in providing detailed plans for the project.

Residents were invited to listen in and to type their feedback in a comment membership meeting.

Estimated to cost roughly $225 million, the Colo. 119 project aims to address projected population growth and increased traffic on Colo. 119, also known as the Diagonal Highway.

The remodel would focus on the roughly 20-mile stretch of road that connects Boulder to Longmont. Roughly 4,500 vehicles a day travel Colo. 119 and traffic is anticipated to increase 225% by 2040, according to the Commuting Solutions online outline of the project.

Additionally, with plans for the Northwest Rail Corridor, roughly 41 miles of rail from Long- mont to Denver, not expected to be completed until 2045, according to Commuting Solutions, officials wanted to address commuting options in the interim.

Scott Cook, the CEO of the Longmont Chamber of Commerce, said in the Wednes- day meeting that he has heard from several business owners, who shared frustrations about commuting through the River Street and Colo. 119 intersection, including that it can be difficult to navigate and its design makes it challenging for drivers to see available businesses.

Cook added that a commuter bike way and high-frequency bus operations, also known as bus rapid transit, would open up more employment opportunities for the community, which he said is important to Longmont’s business community.

Part of the funding needed to complete the roughly $225 million project could come from a $17 million federal grant that Longmont applied to for a remodel of the Hover Street and Colo. 119 intersection. Phil Greenwald, Longmont’s transportation planning manager, discussed the plans during Wednesday’s meeting and how it would be a part of the highway’s improvements. The city is expect- ed to fund it out of September if Longmont was selected for the grant.

The vision for Colo. 119 is modeled after an overhaul of U.S. 36. The roughly $457 million project took place between 2012 and 2014 and improved multi-modal transportation on U.S. 36 from Federal Boulevard in Westminster to Table Mesa Drive in Boulder, according to CDOT.

The vision for the Colo. 119 project is to cre- ate an expanded highway with managed lanes, where express bus drivers would pay a toll and high frequency bus traffic would have a primary lane for travel. This would be in addition to general purpose lanes and a paved, corridor-wide bike way.

Boulder County Commissioner Elise Jones said the project would provide employment opportunities for the community, which she said is important to Longmont’s business community.

For more information about the project, visit commutingsolutions.com.