

Recommendations for Criteria to Use in Deciding to Move between Stages

CRITERIA

Syndromic Criterion 1: COVID-19-Like Illness Emergency Department Visits Among Residents of Health District 4

Epidemiologic Criterion 1: Reported Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Cases Among Residents of Health District 4

Epidemiologic Criterion 2: No publicly declared illness clusters detected that may significantly impact illness levels within the community

TIMELINE FOR MEASUREMENTS

Data to support Syndromic Criteria 1, and Epidemiologic Criteria 1 will be posted to the [CDH Tableau Dashboard](#) each Monday and Thursday by no later than noon.

Stage assessments will be made on Mondays based on the prior two weeks starting on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday. At least two full weeks will be spent in a stage before determinations to advance will be made.

MOVEMENT BETWEEN STAGES

If reported cases are $\geq 25/\text{day}$ on average ($\geq 175/\text{week}$)

- **Advance stage when**
 - Syndromic Criterion 1 and Epidemiologic Criterion 1 demonstrate a downward trend over a 14-day period AND
 - Epidemiologic Criterion 2 is met
- **Stay in stage when**
 - Syndromic Criterion 1 or Epidemiologic Criterion 1 demonstrate an upward trend over a 14-day period with less than a 50% increase in counts between the first and second 7-day periods OR
 - Epidemiologic Criterion 2 is not met
- **Move to more restrictive stage when**

- Syndromic Criterion 1 OR Epidemiologic Criterion 1 demonstrate an upward trend over a 14-day period with a 50% or greater increase in counts between the first and second 7-day periods

If reported cases are <25/day on average (<175/week)

- **Advance stage when**
 - Syndromic Criterion 1 AND Epidemiologic Criterion 1 demonstrate a downward trend over a 14-day period OR demonstrate an upward trend over a 14-day period with less than a 50% increase in counts between the first and second 7-day periods AND
 - Epidemiologic Criterion 2 is met
- **Stay in stage when**
 - Syndromic Criterion 1 OR Epidemiologic Criterion 1 demonstrate an upward trend over a 14-day period with a 50% or greater increase in counts between the first and second 7-day periods OR
 - Epidemiologic Criterion 2 is not met

Determinations to move to a more restrictive stage may be made mid-stage if any of the criteria below are met:

- Crisis standards of care are implemented
- Senior leadership at a local hospital indicates that further increases in cases in the community will overwhelm local hospital capacity
- Reported cases exceed 100 per day on 3 consecutive days among residents of health district 4

MODIFICATIONS TO STAGE RESTRICTIONS

Stage restrictions may be modified based on data from disease investigations. Statewide Stage 3 for example allowed bars to open. Bars will be closed as part of the Central District Health public health orders for Stage 3 because bars have been identified as a significant source of disease transmission.