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 ≥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 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**
o 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
  o 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
  o Epidemiologic Criterion 2 is met

• Stay in stage when
  o 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
  o 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.