## UCHealth COVID-19 Webinar

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Colorado-owned and operated, non-profit integrated health system.



12
HOSPITALS

1,987

THE ONLY ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER IN THE REGION

UCHEALTH AND AFFILIATE LOCATIONS

1 MILLION patients served



## Real time information and innovation.

The COVID-19 situation is dynamic, with information and guidelines changing each day. We are collaborating continuously with health system partners and government agencies across Colorado and beyond to stay on top of these changes and to address how they affect the workplace environment.







## Leading the community during COVID-19 response.

Our integrated academic expertise is saving lives and providing safe and exceptional care for our patients and employees.

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## COVID-19 Overview

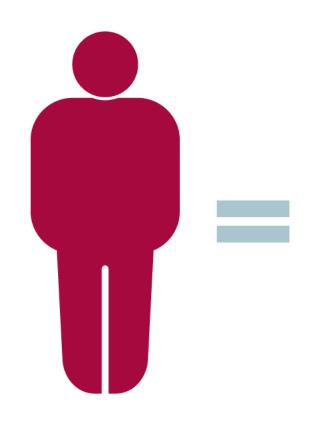
- Disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).
- Symptoms include fever and lower respiratory illness but also might cause mild URI symptoms.
- No specific treatment. Recommend supportive therapy and infection control measures.

# COVID-19 Virology and Mode of Transmission

- Member of the Coronavirus family.
- Origin traced to Wuhan, China.
- Animal reservoir.
- Person-to-person spread via droplets from cough or sneeze, close contact (within six feet) and fomites.



The average number of people that one person with a virus infects, based on the R0 scale.





H1N1: 1.2-1.6



SARS: 2-4



Ebola: 1.6-2



MERS: 2.5-7.2\*\*



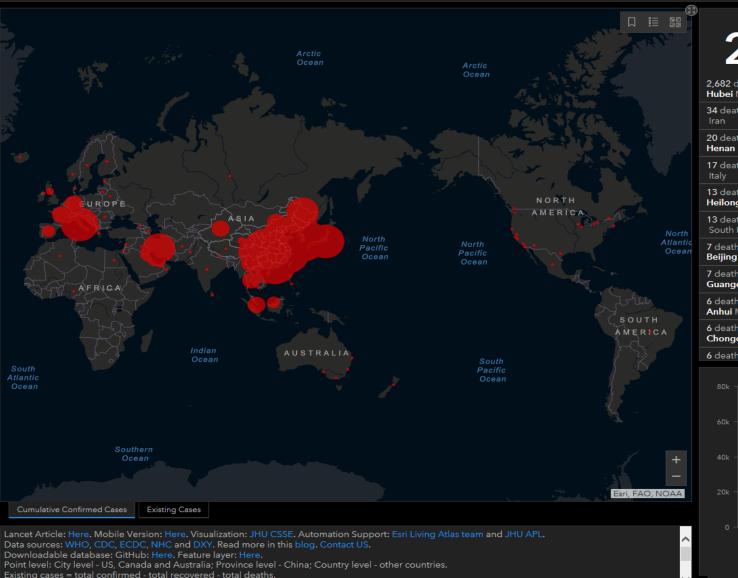
COVID-19: 2-2.5\*

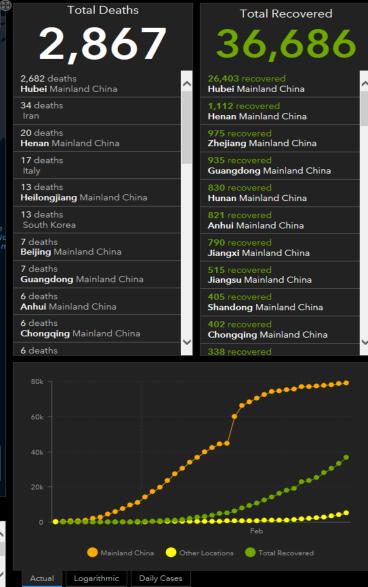


<sup>\*</sup>As of February 28, 2020. \*\*R0 calculated solelyduring the 2015 outbreak in South Korea. Sources: ScienceMag: WHO; Journal of ISIRV



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## Situation Summary: February 28, 2020

Time Zones: lower-left corner indicator - your local time; lower-right corner plot - UTC.



## COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)





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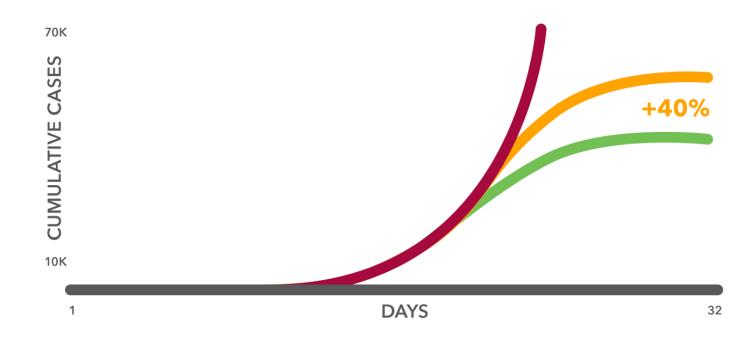


## Situation Summary: May 19, 2020



## **COVID-19: Tomas Pueyo**

Chart 23:
Model of cumulative
cases of Coronavirus
with socialdistancing measure
taken one day apart.



## **NO SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING ONE DAY LATER (N+21) SOCIAL DISTANCING STARTED ON DAY N+20** 



## **COVID-19: Gates Foundation Model**

Social distancing intervention.

**BUSINESS AS USUAL** 

25% REDUCTION

50% REDUCTION

75% REDUCTION

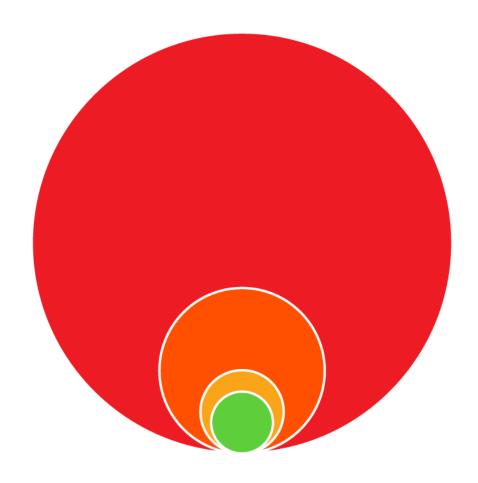
Estimated

25,000 Infections 400 Deaths

9,700 Infections 160 Deaths

4,800 Infections 100 Deaths

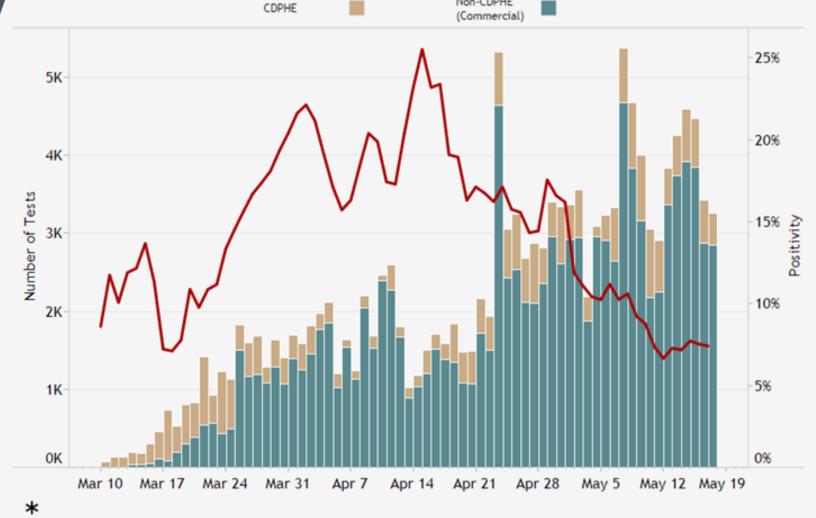
1,700 Infections 30 Deaths





## 3 Day Moving Average Positivity Data and Daily Tests From Clinical Laboratories

Testing and impact of Colorado's shelter-in-place orders.







## IMMUNE RESPONSES

## Innate/General Resistance System

## First line of defense against germs:

- Anatomic barriers such as intact skin and mucous membranes.
- Acidic environment that prevents growth of germs.
- Normal bacteria that out-compete bad bacteria from growing.

## Physiologic barriers:

- Temperature control of the body.
- Production of chemicals that can kill germs directly or by producing inflammation.



## IMMUNE RESPONSES

## Adaptive Immune System

- Actions are specific to a particular germ.
- Special cells (B cells) that produce antibodies (chemicals that recognize a germ) that help kill the germs.
- Has memory so can recognize a germ if it enters the body again.
- Other special cells that can kill the germs directly.



## **Best Practices:**Worksites

- Maintain six-foot distancing, when possible, and discourage shared spaces.
- Frequently sanitize all high-touch areas and common spaces.
- Avoid gatherings of more than 10 people.
- Implement symptom-monitoring protocols including temperature-checks.
- Provide appropriate protective gear.



## Best Practices: Employees

- Employees showing signs or symptoms of illness, or who have had contact with a known positive case of COVID-19, should stay home.
- Provide flexible or remote scheduling and encourage remote work (when possible).
- Encourage frequent handwashing/sanitation and cleaning of workspace.
- Wear appropriate protective gear.





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## FDA Review of COVID-19 Tests

On February 29, 2020, the FDA announced a new policy for review of COVID-19 lab tests called Emergency Use Authorization (EUA):

- Review time in days instead of months.
- Included CDC test method.

Since then, EUA has been granted:

- 62 molecular tests
- 12 antibody tests
- One antigen test



## **COVID-19 Specimen Collection and Testing**



## PCR testing detects the viral genes.

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is a molecular test performed on a nasopharyngeal swab. PCR is the current gold standard for diagnosis of an active COVID infection. PCR is a chemical reaction that amplifies a gene up to 10 billion-fold.



## Antibody testing detects the body's response to the infection.

A serology test is performed using a patient's blood and will identify the presence of antibodies. A positive serology test does not distinguish between current or past COVID infection; an NP swab and PCR are needed to diagnose an active COVID infection.

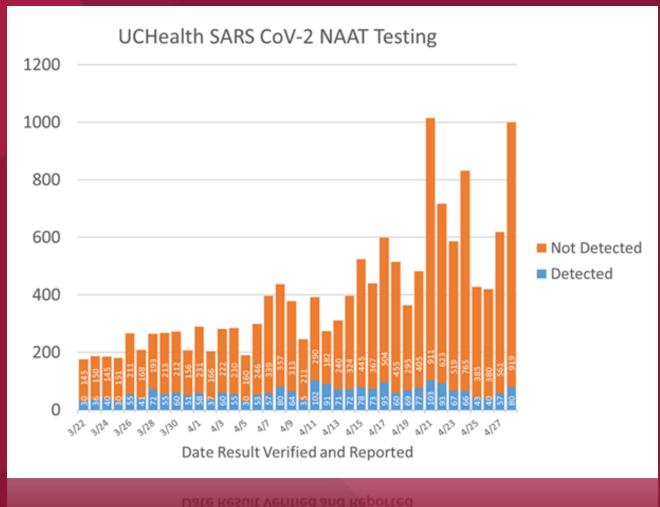


## **PCR Testing**

- Total tests performed: 35,844.
- Tests performed in-house: 31,428.
- Overall positivity rate: 9.7%.
- Daily testing capacity: 1,250.

We support testing for several partner organizations including: SCL, Evans Army Community Hospital, Buckley AFB, Boulder Community Hospital, and many more.

This graph shows the number of PCR tests we perform across the system each day. We have expanded our capacity since we began testing in March, to support testing for various populations through Colorado and surrounding regions.





We are implementing technologies across the continuum of care,

participating in numerous clinical trials and offering COVID-19 PCR and antibody testing in house.





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## The health and well-being of our communities is our top priority and our area of expertise.

Just as we've done for our own employees, we offer a comprehensive program to help employers navigate their concerns and uncertainty surrounding COVID-19. This program will enable employers to provide validated testing and monitoring solutions to keep employees safe.



## Keeping your employees and customers safe.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have leveraged our expertise to develop a comprehensive COVID-19 Employer Solutions Program that addresses immediate and evolving needs for a safe workplace.

Minimize
the risk of exposure.

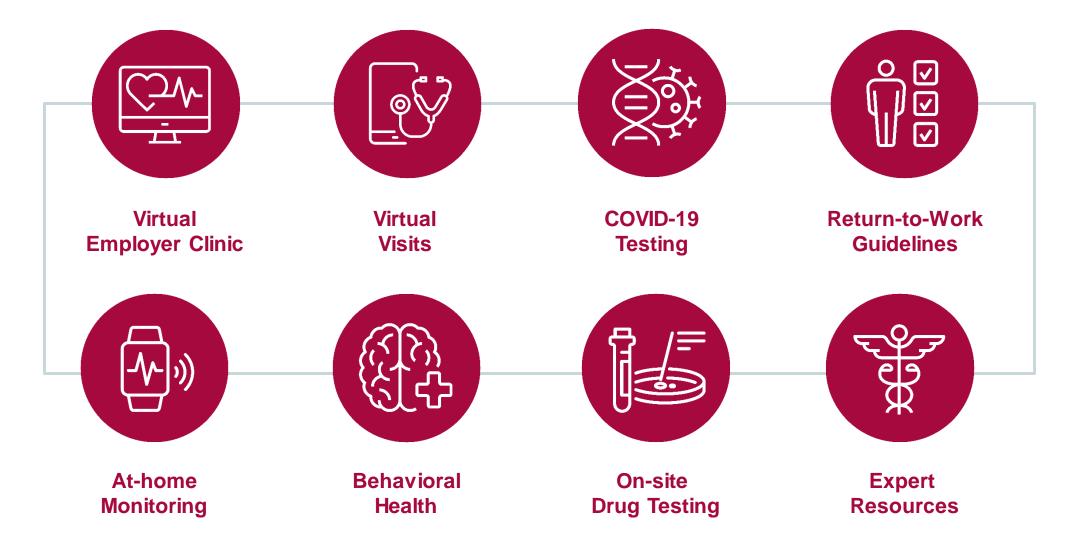
Reduce the risk of transmission. Increase knowledge of prevention opportunities.

Increase understanding of employee health status.

Establish symptom-monitoring protocols.

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## **Comprehensive and Customized Program Development**





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## **Virtual Employer Clinic**

Dedicated employer nurse triage services and 24/7 support for employees. Features a screening tool within the UCHealth mobile app for tracking employee's symptoms and current temperature each day prior to going to work.



## **COVID-19 Testing**

COVID-19 PCR, antibody collection and testing for employees.



### **Virtual Visits**

Employees may schedule a Virtual Visit with a Virtual Urgent Care provider 24/7, eliminating travel time and expense and mitigating the risk of COVID-19 exposure.



### **Return-to-Work Guidelines**

Utilizing our team of medical providers, employees are provided with next steps and guidance on safely returning to work.



## **Comprehensive and Customized Program Development**



## **At-home Monitoring**

Two levels of service assisting in employee care from home including wireless physiological data collection and monitoring.



## **Behavioral Health**

Immediate, 24/7 access for behavioral health assessments and services.



## **On-Site Drug Testing**

Conduct on-site random drug testing for employees returning to work using saliva testing.



## **Expert Resources**

Provide employees with the latest scientific updates, virtual workplace education, guidance on minimizing risk and exposure and more.



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