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Increasing COVID-19 Cases Move Broomfield and Northglenn Into Severe Risk Level

Broomfield/Northglenn, CO — The City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and surrounding areas have been moved to Level Red: Severe Risk on the state’s COVID-19 Dial Framework, effective November 20. In response to the state’s guidelines, North Metro Fire has already implemented changes in an effort to help reduce the alarming spread of COVID-19 in the region and state.

North Metro Fire will remain open for business, as it has been throughout the pandemic, but the District will continue to reduce staffing levels at its Headquarters to comply with state guidelines.

With reduced in-person staffing and to help keep everyone safe, North Metro Fire encourages residents and customers to conduct business with the District either electronically or over the phone instead of in person. Anyone who needs to conduct business at the District’s Headquarters or Training Center must make an appointment first.

Right now, Colorado’s public health experts believe there are more cases of COVID-19 and hospitalizations in the state than since the start of the pandemic. Both Broomfield and Northglenn are seeing a steep rise in cases and are setting forth stronger restrictions to help reduce the spread of the virus and alleviate the burden on hospital resources.

North Metro Fire encourages all residents do their part to help turnaround this upward trend by following the Level Red: Severe Risk precautions:

- Stay home as much as possible, and only interact with members of your household.
- Don't host or attend any group gatherings.
- Keep at least six feet between you and others in public places.
- Wear a mask when in public places.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Indoor places of business should reduce staffing and customers inside the business in compliance with the guidelines set by the state and county.
- Sign up for exposure notifications on your phone through addyourphone.com.
- Stay home and away from others and contact your doctor, if you develop any COVID-19 symptoms.

“Throughout this pandemic, North Metro Fire has worked closely with our public health departments and cities to help protect our residents, our employees and our community at large,” said North Metro Fire Chief David Ramos. “Moving to the Level Red will not impact the level of service we are able to provide. However, in some circumstances, residents and customers will be guided to use alternative methods to conduct business. Hopefully, as we all do our part in the weeks and months ahead to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we will be able to return to our normal level of in-person operations and community outreach.”

North Metro Fire continues to suspend the majority of its community activities, including engine and station tours, ride-alongs and in-person education classes. However, the fire district does offer virtual safety education classes and looks forward to resuming in-person activities, once it is safe again to do so.

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North Metro Fire Rescue District

North Metro Fire Rescue District is dedicated to providing quality service to its residents through fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and specialized rescue. Formed in 1946, the District now covers over 60 square miles with a population of approximately 123,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams, Weld and Jefferson Counties.