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Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
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Eagle County applied to the state for a 5 Star business program to allow qualified venues to operate with less restrictive capacity levels under current public health guidance. The county is prepared to institute the program pending state approval, when there are 7 consecutive days of the COVID-19 incidence rate in the appropriate Dial Level. Per the requirements, please accept this letter as part of our application along with letters of support from Vail Health, municipalities, and law enforcement.

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners supports this program. We believe it will encourage businesses to implement safety strategies above and beyond what is already required by public health orders and guidelines. We also believe it will accelerate businesses reopening with additional safety measures that make them eligible for for less restrictive capacity caps.

The program would add new, more restrictive guidelines and protocols for restaurant and retail establishments to follow, thus creating a safer environment for our residents and visitors, which will help participating businesses survive not just this season, but for years to come.

While Eagle County's case incidence has been consistently in the yellow, we have had average positivity, declining or stable hospitalizations consistently below the orange risk level. Please grant us the opportunity to save our winter season and the livelihoods of all who depend on it.

Sincerely,

Matt Scherr
Chair

Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Commissioner