



DRCOG AAA Response to Covid-19

We Are All in this Together

April 7, 2020

What is COVID-19

The early days

February 25- ACL training on COVID-19

February 28 – SUA training on COVID-19

March 4 – N4A briefing on COVID-19 and
Senate passes the Older Act

March 6 – AAA staff meeting “Preparing for
COVID-19”

March 11-COVID preparedness meeting with
providers

*One week after the first
cased was announced
Colorado's COVID-19 cases
reach 49*

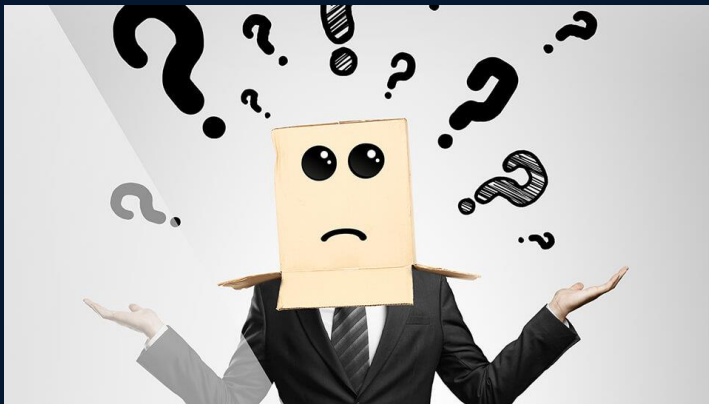
The first week of COVID-19

March 9-13

- March 10- Governor Polis declares State of Emergency and *AAA gets first scare of staff exposure –no quarantine needed*
- March 11- phone meeting with the Governor staff and *we get news that 3 AAA staff have been exposed to COVID-no quarantine needed*
- March 12- Call with the Governor and all AAAs and *We get another report of possible exposure and all AAA staff are sent home*
- March 13- President Trump-declares a National emergency
- Colorado General Assembly suspends legislative session

Governor Polis bans large groups and we see our first death from COVID-19

STAGES OF COVID 19



Stages of COVID-19

Stage 1 What is the big deal?

- 40,000 people die of the flu every year
- Just wash your hands!
- Just relax its in China and Italy

Stage 2 Is this really happening?

- What is happening?
- What will happen to us?
- How can I stay safe?
- How are we going to keep our doors open?
- How do we keep our staff safe

STAGES CONTINUES



Stage 3 - This is **Real!**

- What can I do?
- How can we help?
- What are the needs?
- How can we change what we are doing to meet the need?

Stage 4 – What do we need to do?

- Who needs what?
- Where are the people in need?
- Who can help us?
- How do we get what we need to help?
- How can we get people what they need?

Stage 5

**LET'S Do
This !**

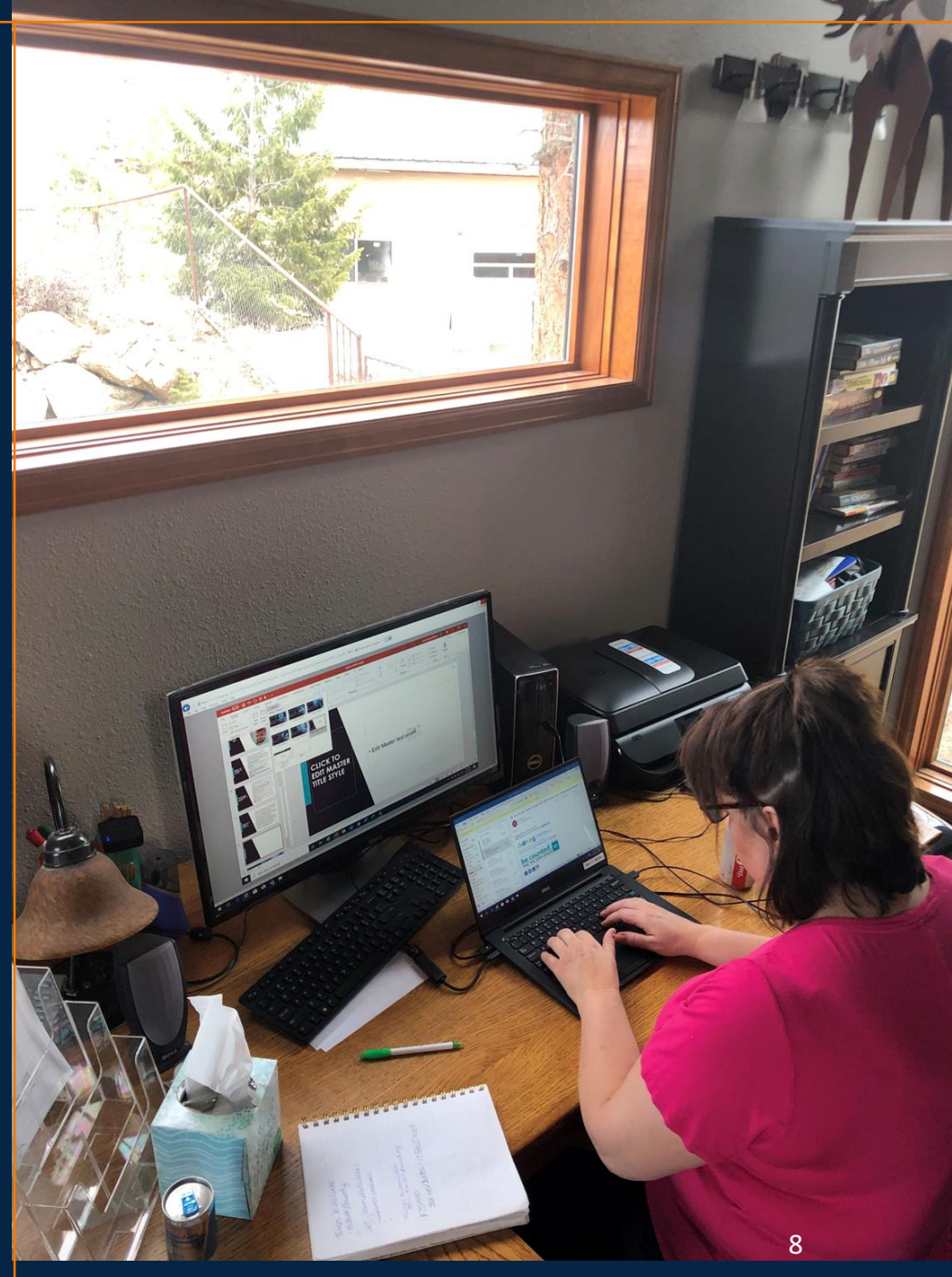


Week 2 of COVID-19

March 16- 20

- DRCOG implements mandatory teleworking
- State starts weekly information calls
- Administration on Aging provides daily information
- State Unit on Aging conducts support call 2x per week
- CDPHE says no group gathering more than 10
- AAA getting calls from emergency response wanting resources for older adults
- Contractors share fiscal concerns
- Dining sites close, home visits stop, rides for only the most in need
- Tri-County and CDPHE ask AAA for help identify all senior housing
- AHC getting calls for food resource information
- Staff start advocating for emergency funds from the state to help providers keep operating.
- Working closely with counties and providers to understand needs
- State relaxes requirements on background checks for volunteers and for assessments in nutrition and case management

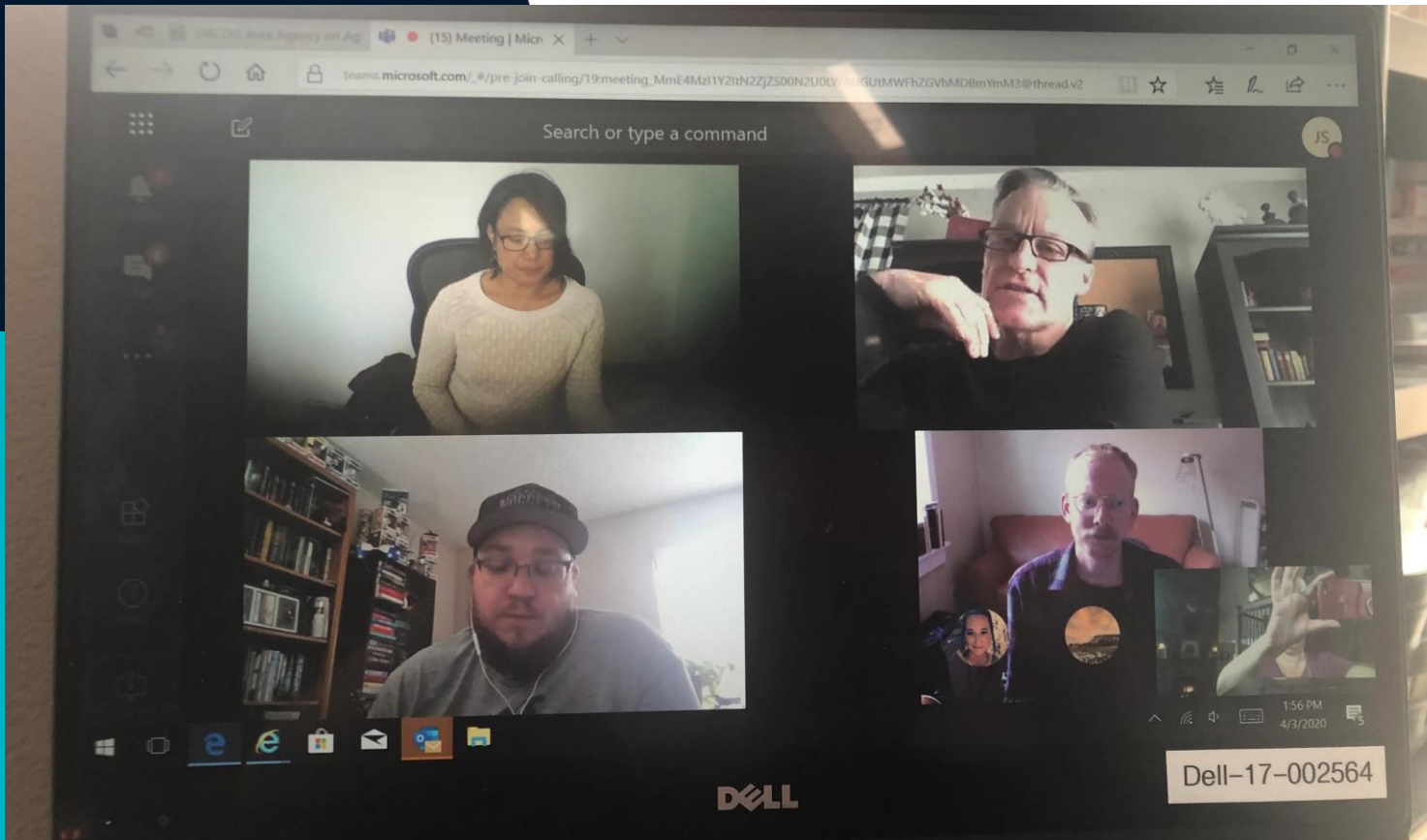
This is the way
we work



Third week of COVID-19

March 23-28

- SRC announces cutting staff 80% will only provide service to the most in need
- AAA meets with contractor to share ideas and assess needs
- Contract amendments begin to pay for different services including delivery of food medications and personal items as well as reassurance calls
- Continued advocacy to use Homestead Funds to help providers with operating costs
- Several calls with providers, SUA, the Governor's office and ACL to coordinate efforts
- The Governor orders closure of all non-essential businesses
- The President signs the Older American's Act
- President Trump grants the state of Colorado Major Disaster declaration
- DRCOG will get \$1.5 million in emergency funds for nutrition services



This the way we meet

**Week 4 of AAA
response to
COVID-19
March 30-April 4**

- March 30- We know of 4 LTC facilities with COVID-19 in the region and 9 in the state
- March 30- received from SUA option letters for \$1.5 million nutrition money goes out
- March 30-SUA announces \$11.6 million in Federal COVID relief funding DRCOG will get approximately \$6.6 million
- April 1-Senior's Resource Center announces they will no longer provide transportation service starting July 1,2020
- April 4 - DRCOG team meets about future transportation options in the region
- April 4- 17 facilities in the state have COVID, 32 residents have died

**This is Our
New Motto**

**KEEP
CALM
RISE TO THE
CHALLENGE**

Remember we are all in this together

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