

## COVID-19 and Event Updates

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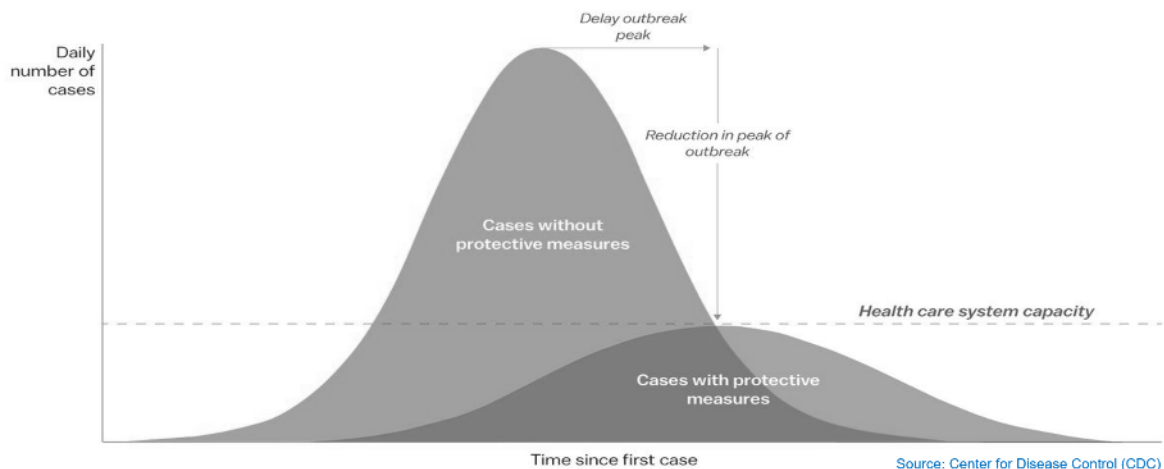
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Due to continued community spread across Colorado of the COVID-19 coronavirus, the Mercy Health Foundation has made the difficult decision to cancel our upcoming Soup for the Soul event benefiting the Hospice at Mercy Regional Medical Center.

Mercy Health Foundation works alongside local restaurants to host Soup for the Soul, and with this cancellation, these restaurants are inadvertently impacted. In partnership with the restaurants, the Foundation is working on an alternative so guests can still enjoy the Soup for the Soul experience to raise funds for our hospice program. More information to follow.

Countries around the world and states across the nation have declared states of emergency to help address the outbreak. As your local health care provider, we have a responsibility to flatten the curve of transfer and keep our community safe during this vital time. We have included a Center for Disease Control graph below that illustrates how postponing large events helps reduce transmission and community spread.

### Flattening the curve



Please know that we value you, our community, and all those that walk through our hospital doors, now more than ever. Our primary job is to help provide the vital resources to keep excellent, affordable care accessible to everyone that needs it throughout La Plata County and beyond. We will be working with our restaurants and sponsors over the next week to ensure their continued support of Mercy Health Foundation.