

**News Release**  
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## **Open Houses to Introduce Air Care Colorado Vehicle Emissions Testing Program**

Beginning this November, most gasoline-powered vehicles registered in parts of Weld and Larimer Counties will be required to pass an emissions inspection prior to registration renewal.

Area residents are invited to attend a Community Open House next Monday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Weld County Southwest County Services Complex near Del Camino. The purpose of the event is to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming expansion of the Air Care Colorado vehicle emissions testing program to parts of Weld and Larimer Counties this fall. Additional open houses are also being offered and are listed at the end of this release.

Portions of Weld and Larimer Counties, along with the seven metropolitan Denver area counties, are out of compliance with federal health-based pollution standards for ground-level ozone – a health hazard to everyone, especially young children and the elderly. The emissions testing program, which encourages regular vehicle maintenance, is designed to improve air quality and bring the area back into compliance with federal standards by reducing pollution that can lead to the formation of ground-level ozone. Vehicles are one of the largest contributors to the formation of this harmful pollutant.

The expansion to parts of Weld and Larimer Counties will include four new testing stations, bringing the total number of stations to 18 throughout the Denver metro area and the North Front Range. Registered vehicle owners in Weld and Larimer Counties who need to have their vehicles tested will start to see notices on their registration renewal postcards beginning in mid-October when November renewals are mailed.

The open houses will include representatives from Envirotec, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Department of Revenue, the Region Air Quality Council, and county representatives. A complete list of Open House dates, times and locations is below or visit [www.aircarecolorado.com](http://www.aircarecolorado.com) or call (970-247-8378).

### **Longmont - Dacono**

Date: Monday, Sept. 20

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Location: Weld County Southwest County Services Complex - near Del Camino

Address: 4209 Weld County Rd 24 ½, Longmont, CO 80504

Room: Large Meeting Room

### **Greeley**

Date: Saturday, Sept. 25

Time: 10 a.m. – Noon

Location: Aims Community College, Greeley

Address: 5590 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Greeley, CO 80634

Building: Aims College Corporate Event Center Building

Room: Room 129ABC

### **Loveland**

Date: Saturday, Oct. 2

Time: 10 a.m. – Noon

Location: Chilson Recreation Center, Loveland  
Address: 700 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Loveland, CO 80537  
Room: Multi-Purpose/Gym

**Fort Collins**

Date: Thursday, Oct. 7

Time: 5 – 7 p.m.

Location: Front Range Community College, Fort Collins

Address: 4616 S. Shields

Fort Collins, CO 80526

Building: Student Life Long Peaks Student Center

Room: East and West Room