Colorado’s Climate-Focused Rulemaking
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The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting all of us and Boulder County is working hard to protect you. We’re also continuing to fight climate change and air pollution. Since climate change worsens air pollution, respiratory health is more important than ever.

The climate bills that passed for Colorado in 2019 are being shaped at the state health department now and they could have just as big an effect on air pollution as they can on climate. We need a healthy climate to avoid even higher levels of air pollution than we had in 2019, when the American Lung Association gave our area an “F” due to lung-burning ozone that contributes to asthma and other respiratory disease — a major risk factor for severe COVID-19 outcomes.

But there are actions we can take to help:

• Boulder County, Boulder County Public Health, and Colorado Communities for Climate Action are working with the state to ensure we get the air and climate protections we need more than ever.

• The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Air Quality Control Commission are now taking the first of several actions towards a rulemaking on climate that will respond to the legislature’s climate bills with hearings on May 20 and 21, 2020 that will consider a greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting rule and a phase out of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

• Your voice matters! To learn more about the rules being developed right now, click here. Public comment about the climate rulemaking will be taken online here until May 20th.