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- CDPHE has been conducting ongoing surveillance for COVID-19 variants since December 2020, when the first case of B.1.1.7 in Colorado was announced.
- As of March 5, 2021, the State Public Health Laboratory has identified 190 cases of the B.1.1.7 variant of concern (which was first identified in the United Kingdom) and 88 cases of the B.1.427/B.1.429 variant under investigation (which has been linked to outbreaks in California). No other known variants of concern or variants under investigation have been identified in Colorado to date.
- CDPHE continues to require a full 14-day quarantine for all contacts of individuals with known or suspected COVID-19 variants.