

# GOVERNOR JARED POLIS

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\*\*If disease transmission significantly increases, take steps back\*\*





# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SAFER AT HOME?



Manage the spread (R0 between 2 and 1)



Help Coloradans earn a living while protecting health and safety



Access to world-class health care for every Coloradan that gets sick



Minimize secondary health effects (physical/ mental health impacts)



Find a more sustainable way to live with social distancing



Protect vulnerable populations

# PHASED IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFER AT HOME

APRIL 27

- Retail: Curbside pickup can begin
- Real Estate: showings can resume

MAY 1

If implementing best practices:

- Retail
- Some personal Services



If implementing best practices:

 Office work at reduced density

\*\*<u>UNLESS</u> you live in a jurisdiction that is still under Stay at Home\*\*

# THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AND A PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

- Executive Order
- Public Health Order

# **EXECUTIVE ORDER - SAFER AT HOME**

# Safer at Home Effective Monday, April 27, 2020:

- Coloradans should still stay at home as much as possible and avoid unnecessary social interactions
  - Coloradans are encouraged to stay within their county of residence or employment as much as possible
- Vulnerable individuals continue to abide by stay at home restrictions
  - Vulnerable individuals may leave residence to support or perform necessary activities or participate in critical government functions or critical business





# **EXECUTIVE ORDER - SAFER AT HOME (Continued)**

Key restrictions, advisements, reopenings, and closures include:

- Coloradans are advised to wear non-medical cloth face coverings that cover the nose and mouth whenever in public
- Public gatherings of ten (10) persons or more are prohibited
- Limited reopening of certain business operations
- Limited post-secondary instruction may resume, including technical and vocational programs
- Normal in-person instruction at P-12 schools is <u>suspended</u> through the end of the regular 2019-2020 school year





# LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: THREE OPTIONS - BUSINESSES: LOCAL RULES



# MATCH THE STATE GUIDELINES

 Implement the guidelines of Safer at Home to match the state



#### **MORE PROTECTIONS**

 Going farther than the state, including but not limited to stay at home orders or additional protective measures.



#### LOCAL FLEXIBILITY

- To relax guidelines further than the state, local governments need to have very low case counts and/or demonstrate proof of 14 consecutive days of decline of infection of COVID-19 in the jurisdiction.
- The application must include a written COVID-19 suppression plan approved by the appropriate local public health authority. all hospitals within the jurisdiction and elected leadership.





# **EXECUTIVE ORDER - SAFER AT HOME (Continued)**

Safer at Home will include a local variance process that allows communities to tailor social distancing policies to local conditions to promote community wellness and economic stability

Any county may apply for a variance from part or all of the Executive Order if it meets the following criteria and submits an alternative COVID-19 suppression plan to be approved or denied by CDPHE:

- 1) The local public health agency endorses the alternative plan;
- 2) Local hospitals can verify that they have the capacity to serve all people needing their care; and;
- 3) The county commissioners (or other county-level governing body) vote affirmatively to adopt the alternative plan in place of the Safer At Home Executive Order

Local conditions to be considered in variance process: (a) low number of new cases per day; (b) cases declining for the past 14 days; (c) high and increasing or stable doubling time of cases; and (d) having an early warning system in place to swiftly detect an increase in community spread to prevent a breach of local hospital system capacity



# LOCAL VARIANCES

To apply to CDPHE for a local variance from the Safer at Home requirements, counties need to:

- 1) Specifically identify each provision of the executive order or public health order for which a variance is sought and propose alternate restrictions that meet the intent of the orders
- 2) Create a COVID-19 suppression plan that contains information addressing all of the following:
- a) Provide data concerning the prevalence of COVID 19 within the county demonstrates that COVID 19 cases are low enough to be contained by an epidemiological response,
  - b) Local hospitals verify that they have the capacity to serve all people needing their care,
  - c) A description of the local containment measures proposed, and
- d) Identify the conditions that will be used to determine whether the variance is providing protection equal to the public health order, and the triggers for tightening restrictions

Use CDPHE's online variance application process at https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/local-orders-variances





#### Public Health Order

#### Key principles

- Restaurants and bars remain closed to in-person service, and venues that allow for large gatherings, such as movie theaters, remain closed
- Critical businesses remain the same, authorizing some business not on the critical list to reopen if they meet specific requirements
  - Retail
  - Field services, including real estate
  - Office-based businesses
  - Personal services, e.g. personal beauty services, massage therapists, dog groomers
  - Limited healthcare settings, e.g. acupuncturists, chiropractors, optometry, physical therapy
- All businesses and government functions must meet minimum standards pertaining to disease prevention measures
- Medical, dental, and veterinary services are addressed in a separate public health order





# Best practices for all businesses, essential and non-essential

WORKSITES	EMPLOYEES	TO PROTECT CUSTOMERS
<ul> <li>Deputize workplace coordinator(s) charged with addressing COVID-19 issues</li> <li>Maintain 6-foot distancing when possible, and discourage shared spaces</li> <li>Frequently sanitize all high-touch areas (Additional Guidance)</li> <li>Post signage for employees and customers on good hygiene</li> <li>Ensure proper ventilation (OSHA guidance)</li> <li>Avoid gatherings (meetings, waiting rooms, etc) of more than 10 people</li> <li>Implement symptom monitoring protocols (including workplace temperature monitoring and symptom screening questions) where possible (Additional Guidance)</li> <li>Eliminate or regularly sanitize any items in common spaces (i.e., break rooms) that are shared between individuals (i.e., condiments, coffee makers, vending machines) (Additional Guidance)</li> <li>Provide appropriate protective gear like gloves, masks, and face coverings and encourage appropriate use (Additional Guidance)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Require employees showing any symptoms or signs of sickness, or who has been in contact with known positive cases to stay home. Connect employees to company or state benefits providers</li> <li>Provide flexible or remote scheduling for employees who need to continue to observe Stay-at-Home, who may have child or elder care obligations, or who live with a person who still needs to observe Stay-at-Home due to underlying condition, age, or other factor</li> <li>Encourage and enable remote work whenever possible</li> <li>Minimize all in-person meetings</li> <li>Provide hand washing facilities/stations and hand sanitizer</li> <li>Encourage breaks to wash hands or use hand sanitizer</li> <li>Phase shifts, breaks to reduce employee density</li> <li>Wear appropriate protective gear like gloves, masks, and face coverings and encourage appropriate use (Additional Guidance)</li> <li>(Additional Guidance to keep employees &amp; customers safe)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Create special hours for people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.</li> <li>Encourage and facilitate 6-foot distancing inside of the business for all patrons</li> <li>Encourage use of protection like gloves, masks, and face coverings</li> <li>Provide hand sanitizer at entrance</li> <li>Install shields or barriers where possible between customers and employees</li> <li>Use contactless payment solutions, no touch trash cans, etc. whenever possible</li> <li>(Additional guidance to keep employees and customers safe)</li> </ul>

#### COMPLIANCE

# Complaint Driven, starting locally with LPHA and/or Local LE

- Collaboration on site visits to gain compliance
- Communicate with Associations, Unions and Groups representing a sector to gain broad compliance
- Absent compliance, cease and desist letters will be issued

Appropriate state agencies, LPHA and Local LE will collaborate on enforcement strategy. Civil or Criminal strategies require a consult with District Attorney, County Attorney or Attorney General's Office.

Use media strategy of encouraging compliance and highlighting enforcement efforts

Complaints can be registered at covid19.colorado.gov/covidconcerns





# **ONGOING WORK**

- We are regularly evaluating when it is safe to restore partial activities in areas of high contact such as Bars, Restaurants, Gyms, Movie Theaters, etc.
- In addition, we are evaluating courthouses, state judicial, justice centers and other governmental functions.
- Next steps will be determined by stakeholder outreach, as well as ongoing evaluation of the epidemiology of COVID transmission.

For anything not covered, please submit your comment:

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