

COMMUNITY NOTICE

March 26, 2020

Construction in Garfield County allowed with restrictions

Critical business, including construction, may still operate within social-distancing rules

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO – Critical businesses, including construction companies, are exempt from the state’s “stay at home” order under specific guidelines. **Social distancing requirements must be met.**

Crews are required to practice social-distancing measures and businesses must employ some additional protocols to minimize chances of exposure to COVID-19. Critical businesses can implement telecommuting options, as well as stagger schedules and redesign workspaces to ensure employee safety and proper distancing.

If construction crew workers maintain social distancing of six feet from each other, operations may continue in Garfield County. In order to remain in compliance, crews must not share vehicles in which they will be closer than six feet from one another, and job sites must have 10 workers or less at any given time. Shifting the times that different contractors are working on a site helps to keep the overall number of employees under 10. Tools must be cleaned between uses of each individual on a job site.

Social distancing requirements

To reduce the risk of disease transmission, individuals shall maintain at least a six-foot distance from other individuals, wash hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer, cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly clean high-touch surfaces, and must not shake hands.

A full list of critical businesses is on the Garfield County Emergency Operations [COVID-19 emergency management feed](#).

According to Governor Jared Polis’ stay at home executive order, critical businesses may “engage in minimum basic operations needed to protect assets and maintain personnel functions.”

Local jurisdictions and public health departments in other counties may enact stricter rules on the matter, such as in Pitkin County, which is closing all construction projects down as of March 31.