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**STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
RELATED TO TRANSITION FROM STAY AT HOME TO
SAFER AT HOME**

This Order introduces Garfield County’s Roadmap to Reopening Criteria. It is intended to minimize the risk of inconsistent relaxation of regulations as a result of the expiration of the statewide Stay at Home Order set forth in Executive Order D 2020 017, as extended through Order D 2020 024, other Executive Orders related to the presence and impacts of coronavirus disease 19 (COVID-19) in Colorado that will expire between April 26 and May 4, 2020, and the introduction of Safer at Home protocols in Executive Order D 2020 044 and the recommencement of elective surgeries in Executive Order D 2020 045. Clarity and preparation at the local level, as provided by this Order, will support Garfield County’s continued efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 25-1-506 (2)(a)(I), Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), this Order is effective immediately within the entirety of Garfield County, including all municipalities within the County.

I. BASIS OF ORDER

On March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a State of Emergency related to the presence of COVID-19 in the State (Executive Order D 2020 003).

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19.

Between March 14, 2020 and April 24, 2020, the Governor of Colorado has issued 39 Executive Orders (Executive Order D 2020 004 - 43) related to COVID-19 the presence and impacts of coronavirus disease 19 (COVID-19) in the State, including an order directing all Coloradans to stay at home through April 26, 2020 (D 2020 024). Other Executive Orders providing protections and relief from COVID-19 are in place until April 30, 2020.

During this same time frame, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issued 7 public health orders (PHO 20-20 through 20-27), most of which have been amended or updated at least once.

On March 16, 2020, Garfield County declared a Local Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19.

On March 12, 2020, Garfield County issued a Standing Public Health Order (PHO) related to Events; that Order remains in effect as modified herein to gatherings of 10 or more.

On March 17, 2020, Garfield County issued a Standing PHO Related to Essential County Governmental Functions; that Order remains in effect.

On March 20, 2020, Garfield County issued a Standing PHO Related to Compliance with State Orders; that Order also remains in effect, as modified herein to clarify that any conflict shall be resolved in favor of this Order.

On March 23, 2020, Garfield County extended its Local Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19 and remains in effect.

On March 28, 2020, the President of the United States approved Governor Jared Polis's request to declare a Major Disaster for the state of Colorado pursuant to the Stafford Act.

On April 20, 2020, the Governor announced that he would allow Colorado's "Stay-at-Home" order to expire as planned on April 26, 2020 and would lead the state into the

next phase of COVID-19 response to be known as “Safer-at Home” and then “Protect Our Neighbors”.

On April 26, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order D 2020 044 defining Safer At Home standards and D 2020 045 permitting elective surgeries to recommence on a limited basis.

On April 27, 2020, the CDPHE issued PHO 20-28 as directed by the Governor, which includes 7 appendices directed to specific business sectors and practices.

As the state and county take steps to return to work, we must continue to practice social distancing at a high level and implement other measures to facilitate reopening the economy while protecting public health. This Order implements measures that vary only slightly from the state’s and that will allow Garfield County to return to work in a phased approach. Preventing resurgence will require that all individuals and businesses be responsible for adhering to the requirements of this Order. Should a resurgence occur, restrictions on activities may be reinstated.

This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority granted in C.R.S. §§ 25-1-506 and 25-1-508. Under these laws, the local Public Health Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health and to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and in pursuance thereof, and for this purpose only, to exercise physical control over property and over the persons of the people within the jurisdiction of the agency as the agency may find necessary for the protection of the public health.

Everyone in Garfield County, including in all towns and cities, must follow the requirements stated herein.

II. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this Order is to provide an orderly and organized transition away from the Stay-at-Home regulations that have been in effect since March 26, 2020 and to

minimize the risk of increased exposure or spread of COVID-19 as a result thereof by extending all Executive Orders and CDPHE PHOs identified below in Garfield County until 8:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2020. This Order is also intended to lift restrictions associated with COVID-19 in a phased approach that prevents resurgence while allowing our community to begin social and economic healing and recovery.

III. ORDER

Garfield County Public Health, in collaboration with local businesses, has developed a Roadmap to Reopening and applicable criteria (“Roadmap Criteria”), including a Garfield County Business Social Distancing Plan (“Social Distancing Plan”), which shall be completed by any business prior to reopening in Garfield County. The Roadmap Criteria and Social Distancing Plan may be viewed, completed and submitted via the County website at www.garfield-county.com.

A. Garfield County will extend and continue to impose and enforce the terms of the following Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Colorado and CDPHE PHOs related to the COVID-19 virus that are set to expire before May 4 until 8:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2020:

1. Executive Order D 2020-020 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Expand the Use of Telehealth Services;
2. Executive Order D 2020-022 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes Concerning Taxpayer Filing Requirements for Certain Taxable Property;
3. Executive Order D 2020-024 Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 017 Ordering Coloradans to Stay at Home;
4. Executive Order D 2020-026 Amending Executive Orders D 2020 004 and D 2020 006 to Extend the Closure of Downhill Ski Areas;
5. Executive Order D 2020-027 Amending Executive Order D 2020 009 to Extend the Temporary Cessation of All Elective and Non-Essential

Surgeries and Procedures and Preserving Personal Protective Equipment and Ventilators in Colorado;

6. Executive Order D 2020-028 Extending Executive Order D 2020 014 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Requirements Preventing Issuance of Marriage Licenses;
7. Executive Order D 2020-029 Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 011 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes;
8. Executive Order D 2020-030 Extending Executive Order D 2020 019 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of the Personal Appearance Requirement for Notarization;
9. Executive Order D 2020-031 Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 012 Limiting Evictions, Foreclosures, and Public Utility Disconnections and Expediting Unemployment Insurance Claim Processing to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19;
10. CDPHE PHO 20-20 restricting visitors at all skilled nursing facilities, assisted living residences and intermediate care facilities, as amended on April 20, 2020;
11. CDPHE PHO 20-22, as amended, closing bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, casinos, non-essential personal services facilities, and racetrack and pari-mutuel wagering facilities; and
12. CDPHE PHO 20-24, as amended, Implementing Stay at Home Orders.

B. All Executive Orders and CDPHE PHOs that are already in place and do not expire before May 4, 2020, will remain in effect in Garfield County to the extent applicable, in accordance with their terms, such as:

1. Executive Order D 2020-032 Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 003 Declaring a Disaster Emergency;

2. Executive Order D 2020-033 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Provide a One-Month Extension for Filing and Remitting State Severance Tax;
3. Executive Order D 2020-034 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Juvenile Justice, Regional Centers, and Behavioral Health;
4. Executive Order D 2020-035 Amending Executive Orders D 2020 007 and D 2020 021 to Promote the Provision of Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers and to Temporarily Suspend Certain Statutes to Enable Schools to Focus on Student Services During the COVID-19 Outbreak;
5. Executive Order D 2020-036 Extending Executive Order D 2020 005 Concerning Limiting In-Person Contact for the 2020 Elections and the Secretary of State's Operations;
6. Executive Order D 2020-037 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Statute Concerning Bans on Open Burning;
7. Executive Order D 2020-038 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes and Rules to Expand the Healthcare Workforce for Hospitals and Other Inpatient Treatment Facilities;
8. Executive Order D 2020-039 Ordering Workers in Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings;
9. Executive Order D 2020-040 Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 010 Concerning the Suspension of Statute to Extend the Income Tax Payment Deadlines;
10. Executive Order D 2020-041 Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 007, D 2020 021, and D 2020 035 to Suspend Normal In-Person Instruction at All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in the State of Colorado Until the End of the School Year;
11. Executive Order D 2020-042 Extending Executive Order D 2020 015 Authorizing the Executive Directors of Certain State Agencies to

Promulgate and Issue Emergency Rules Extending the Expiration Date of Licenses and Other Documents;

12. Executive Order D 2020-043 Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 016 Temporarily Suspending Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Criminal Justice.

C. All Garfield County Public Health Standing Orders issued to date remain in effect, as amended herein. These are:

1. March 12, 2020 County PHO Related to Events, which is hereby amended to apply to Events of 10 people or more;
2. March 17, 2020 County PHO Related to Essential County Governmental Functions;
3. March 20, 2020 County PHO Related to Compliance with State Orders, which is hereby amended to clarify that in the event of conflict between state and county orders, the Garfield County Public Health Standing Orders shall take precedence.

To the extent any provision of a County Public Health Standing Order conflicts with any current or future Colorado PHO or Executive Order, the County orders shall control.

D. Beginning Tuesday, April 27, 2020, Garfield County will begin to transition to the Safer-at-Home phase of the COVID-19 response. Between April 27 and May 4, 2020, all local businesses and agencies should review the Roadmap Criteria and complete and submit a Social Distancing Plan for implementation online at www.garfield-county.com.

As of April 27, 2020, the following activities may resume:

1. Retail businesses in Garfield County may open for curbside pickup and delivery.
2. In-person real estate showings may begin in accordance with CDPHE PHO 20-28 and Appendix B, but not open houses.

3. Medical, dental and veterinary voluntary and elective surgeries that meet the criteria and standards set forth in Executive Order D 2020 045 and CDPHE 20-28.

E. Beginning May 4, 2020, Garfield County will begin the first of three stages of the Stabilization Phase of its COVID-19 response as defined in the Roadmap Criteria. Each stage is anticipated to last at least 4 weeks. If case counts begin to rise and reach the point of doubling within 5 days, restrictions will be re-imposed by further order. The Stabilization Phase will remain in effect until (1) Garfield County sees a sustained decrease in the number of new COVID-19 cases for at least 14 days; (2) hospitals are safely able to treat patients without resorting to crisis standards of care; (3) testing can be performed for all people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection; (4) active monitoring can be accomplished for all COVID-19 cases and their contacts; and (5) clear protocols are in place that require social distancing and assist with case identification.

F. On May 4, 2020, the first stage of Stabilization begins in Garfield County as specified in the Roadmap Criteria and Executive Order D 2020 044 and CDPHE PHO 20-28. Specifically:

1. For those businesses that have submitted a Garfield County Business Social Distancing Plan online at www.garfield-county.com and can comply with CDPHE PHO 20-28 and the applicable appendices, the following activities may resume:
 - a. Under strict precautions and the standards set by CDPHE PHO 20-28 and Appendix A, retail businesses may open to the public beyond curbside pickup and delivery;
 - b. Personal services that can comply with CDPHE PHO 20-28 and Appendix D;
 - c. Large workplaces may allow up to 50% of its workforce to return to work in-person at the same time under strict social distancing

precautions and standards in place to prevent symptomatic employees from entering the workplace.

2. Events, defined in Garfield County's March 12, 2020 Standing PHO and as amended above in Section III.C.1, involving no more than 10 people may commence.

G. Transition into further stages of the Stabilization Phase or transition from Stabilization to Recovery will be announced by future order. This Order shall remain in effect until then. A prerequisite to entering the Recovery Phase is a widely available vaccine for COVID-19.

H. Any future orders from CDPHE or the Governor related to COVID-19 will be immediately in effect as if issued as a Garfield County Public Health Standing Order unless otherwise stated.

IV. FURTHER GUIDANCE

Further guidelines on all COVID-19 matters are available at www.garfield-county.com and covid19.colorado.gov.

V. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PERSONS AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER

If you have questions regarding this Order, please contact the GCPH at (970) 625-5200 or (970) 945-6614

Garfield County Public Health is tasked with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Garfield County, Colorado by investigating and controlling the causes of epidemic and communicable disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. See C.R.S. § 25-1-508. Immediate issuance of this Order is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare.

Any person aggrieved and affected by this Order has the right to request judicial review by filing an action with the Garfield County District Court within 90 days of the date of this Order, pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-1-515. However, you must continue to obey the terms of this Order while your request for review is pending.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN C.R.S. §§ 25-1-516 AND 18-1.3-501, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000) DOLLARS AND IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS.



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Date