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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board to assist with the State's response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

I. Background and Purpose

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of widespread community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended by Executive Orders D 2020 018 and D 2020 032. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has undertaken a wide array of actions to respond to and mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, preserve our health care resources, and provide needed flexibility to address the collateral consequences of the pandemic.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread primarily by close contact between people and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Public health experts recommend we practice "social distancing," or maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19.

On March 25, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 017 (Stay at Home Order), ordering Coloradans to stay at home, subject to certain limited exceptions. I took this step to encourage social distancing, and minimize the duration of the epidemic and the disruption to our daily lives. Evidence has shown that social distancing and the Stay at Home Order are working, and the increase in COVID-19 cases and the rate of infection has slowed. I extended the Stay at Home Order on April 6, 2020, in Executive Order D 2020 024.

On April 26, 2020, the Stay at Home Order will expire, and on April 27, 2020, I will issue a Safer at Home Executive Order, which will begin the next phase of Colorado's efforts to

fight the COVID-19 pandemic. As the State moves into this next phase, we will adjust to a "new normal" way of life to continue our efforts to fight COVID-19.

This Executive Order creates the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board. The Board will serve as a central point of contact for the State's efforts to maintain social distancing and respond to the evolving societal changes necessary due to COVID-19.

II. Mission and Scope

This Executive Order hereby creates the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board (Board) within the Governor's Office. The Board's mission shall be to advise the Governor and CDPHE on coordinating and harmonizing policies and rules designed to maximize social distancing during the Safer at Home phase. The Board shall focus particularly on how local jurisdictions and local public health agencies can coordinate with the State on public education efforts that aim to maximize compliance and enforcement efforts for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board shall align its efforts with appropriate State agencies. The Board may engage expert assistance and work with stakeholders and State employees to advise the Board on issues related to its mission. The Board shall conduct its work within existing State resources.

III. Membership

The Board shall consist of fourteen (14) members and shall include the following:

A. Representatives appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor as follows:

1. One (1) county commissioner from a county over 250,000 people;
2. One (1) county commissioner from a county under 250,000 people;
3. One (1) mayor from a municipality over 100,000 people;
4. One (1) mayor from a municipality under 100,000 people;
5. One (1) local public health official from a jurisdiction over 100,000 people;
6. One (1) local public health official from a jurisdiction under 100,000 people;
7. One (1) sheriff;
8. One (1) police chief;
9. One (1) fire chief; and

10. One (1) representative of the Economic Recovery and Stabilization Council.

B. The Governor's Chief of Staff, or his or her designee, who will serve as Chair of the Board;

C. The Executive Director of CDPHE, or his or her designee;

D. The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, or his or her designee; and

E. The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, or his or her designee.

IV. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty sixth day of April, 2020

Jared Polis
Governor