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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 044 Safer at Home

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 and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.*, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order to amend and extend Executive Order D 2020 044 concerning Safer at Home requirements due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

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 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and there is 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, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, and D 2020 076. 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 taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

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. It can also be spread through contact with contaminated surfaces. 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. This is especially important for vulnerable individuals as 90% of Colorado fatalities are individuals older than 60. Evidence shows that social distancing and the Stay at Home Executive Order D 2020 017, as amended, have helped to slow the increase of cases and rate of infection.

While we have seen indications that our efforts to "flatten the curve" are working, increased transmission of the virus continues to threaten Coloradans' way of life and livelihoods. As we take steps to return Coloradans to work, we must continue to practice social distancing at

a high level and implement other measures, such as limiting our social interactions, extra precautions for Vulnerable Individuals, and wearing non-medical masks while in public to facilitate a step towards reopening the economy while protecting public health. While this is another step toward resuming our daily lives, the State is monitoring the spread of COVID-19 and additional precautions may be necessary in the future.

On April 27, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 044, Safer at Home, which implemented a number of measures that will allow many Coloradans to return to work while we maintain a sustainable level of social distancing.

This Executive Order amends and extends Executive Order D 2020 044, Safer at Home, for an additional eight (8) days to June 1, 2020.

II. Amendments

Executive Order D 2020 044 is amended as follows:

i. Replace paragraph II.H.2.ii. with the following:

Travel to within their local community or as necessary to access outdoor recreation areas. If travelling outside their community, Coloradans are urged to honor all restrictions in place at their destination and avoid travel to counties or municipalities that issue travel restrictions.

ii. Replace paragraph II.H.8. with the following:

Permit Places of Public Accommodation to offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, drive-up service, curbside delivery, outside dining, limited indoor dining, or any other manner set forth in an existing Executive Order or PHO and in accordance with mandatory Social Distancing Requirements.

iii. Strike paragraph II.O.1 and replace with a new paragraph II.P. that states:

P. Except as modified by this Executive Order, all Executive Orders issued due to COVID-19 that are currently in effect shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

iv. Add a new paragraph II.Q. that states:

Q. CDPHE shall develop and issue guidance governing restaurants and summer camps. CDPHE may authorize public gatherings of groups in these settings that exceed the limits in paragraph II.H.3., above, if justified by public health conditions.

III. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 044, as amended and extended by this Executive Order, shall expire on June 1, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 044 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-fifth day of May, 2020

Jared Polis
Governor