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# D 2020 162

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

**Extending Executive Orders D 2020 101 and D 2020 134 Ordering the Temporary Limiting of Certain Evictions to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of 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 extending Executive Orders D 2020 101 and D 2020 134 ordering state agencies to help prevent evictions of tenants

## 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 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, D 2020 076, D 2020 109, D 2020 125, and D 2020 152. 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 economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant, and threaten to undermine the economic stability of many Coloradans and local businesses. The risk of contamination posed by COVID-19 necessitated closure of multiple businesses. Employers and employees in virtually all sectors of the economy have been hard hit. We must take action to shore up economic security, employment, community cohesion, and community recovery.

Transmission of the virus continues to threaten Coloradans' way of life and livelihoods. On April 26, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 044 Safer at Home, as amended and extended by Executive Order D 2020 079, and on June 1, 2020 I issued Executive Order D 2020 091 Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 123, D 2020 142, and D 2020 144. To be Safer at Home, Coloradans impacted by COVID-19 must continue to have a home. We are doing everything we can to get Coloradans back to work,

but this process is gradual and must take into account the evolving public health conditions. Many Coloradans continue to experience substantial loss of income as a result of business closures and layoffs, hindering their ability to keep up with their rent payments through no fault of their own.

Through this Executive Order, extending Executive Order D 2020 101, as amended and extended by Executive Order D 2020 134, I encourage landlords to take steps to limit evictions for tenants who have made a good faith effort to make rental payments or who have made a good faith effort to establish a repayment agreement.

**II. Duration**

Executive Order D 2020 101, as amended and extended by Executive Order D 2020 134 and as extended by this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from August 10, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 101, as amended and extended Executive Order D 2020 134, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this tenth day of August, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor