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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Rescinding Executive Order D 2020 013 Concerning Colorado Employers Reducing In-Person Workforce by Fifty Percent Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State

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 rescinding Executive Order D 2020 013 ordering Colorado employers to reduce in-person work requirements by fifty (50) percent for non-critical workplaces due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the State.

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 issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020. 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.

On March 22, 2020, I signed Executive Order 2020 013, ordering Colorado employers to reduce in-person work requirements by fifty (50) percent for non-critical workplaces due to the presence of COVID-19 in the State. I took this action because of the need to increase distancing at work and to minimize disruption to our economy from COVID-19. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread by close contact between people and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Social distancing measures help slow the spread of COVID-19.

On March 25, 2020, in an effort to further slow the spread of COVID-19 in Colorado, I signed Executive Order D 2020 017, ordering Coloradans to stay at home whenever possible (Stay at Home Order). Executive Order D 2020 017 ordered Coloradans to stay at home, subject

to certain limited exceptions, and ordered the Executive Director of CDPHE to issue a public health order defining critical emergency personnel, infrastructure, government functions, and other activities that are exempt from the directives of the Executive Order. This Executive Order continues to be necessary to minimize the duration of the COVID-19 epidemic and the disruption to our daily lives. Pursuant to my Executive Order, CDPHE issued Public Health Order 20-24, Implementing Stay at Home Requirements, on March 25, 2020.

In light of my Stay at Home Order in Executive Order D 2020 017, Executive Order D 2020 013 is no longer necessary and is rescinded.

II. <u>Directive</u>

I rescind Executive Order D 2020 013, as superseded by Executive Order D 2020 017.

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

Jared Polis
Governor