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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Orders D 2020 071, D 2020 107, and D 2020 137 Concerning the Suspension of Statutes to Allow the Operation of Alternate Care Sites in Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19

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 extending Executive Order D 2020 071, D 2020 107, and D 2020 137 Concerning the Suspension of Statutes to allow the operation of Alternate Care Sites in Colorado Due to the Presence of 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, 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 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. It is imperative that we ensure health care facilities have sufficient resources and to ensure the safety and well-being of COVID-19 patients who no longer require inpatient hospitalization but still require some medical care and observation while recovering from COVID-19.

This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 2020 071, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 107 and D 2020 137, for additional thirty (30) days from August 12, 2020, to ensure health care facilities have sufficient resources and to ensure the safety and well-being of COVID-19 patients who no longer require inpatient hospitalization but still require some medical care and observation while recovering from COVID-19.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 071, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 107, D 2020 137 and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from August 12, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 071, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 107 and D 2020 137, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

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

Jared Polis
Governor