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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 017 Ordering Coloradans to Stay at Home 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 amending and extending Executive Order D 2020 017 ordering Coloradans to stay at home 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. COVID-19 also physically contributes to property loss, contamination, and damage due to its propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time. On March 25, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 017 ordering Coloradans to stay at home (Stay at Home Order) and CDPHE issued its corresponding Public Health Order (PHO) 20-24 implementing stay at home requirements.

The evidence shows that social distancing and the Stay at Home Order are working. The increase in cases and rate of infection are slowing. In addition, there has been a 60% reduction of cars on the road since the beginning of March, which means that there are fewer person-to-person interactions and fewer opportunities for Coloradans to spread the virus. Simply put, by staying home, Coloradans are saving lives.

This Executive Order amends and extends Executive Order D 2020 017 to require Coloradans to stay at home until April 26, 2020.

II. Amendments

Section II of Executive Order D 2020 017 is amended to read as follows:

1. Replace Paragraph II.B. with the following:

   I direct all Coloradans to stay at home, unless necessary to provide, support, perform, or operate Necessary Activities, Minimum Basic Operations, Critical Government Functions, Necessary Travel or Critical Businesses as such terms are defined in PHO 20-24, as amended, or any PHO issued pursuant to this Executive Order.

2. Strike Paragraph II.D.1.e.

3. Add a new Paragraph II.E. that states the following:

   Nothing in this Executive Order prevents a local public health authority from issuing an order more protective of public health than this Executive Order. To the extent that provisions in a local public health order are more protective of public health than this Executive Order or PHO 20-24, as amended, or any PHO issued pursuant to this Executive Order, such provisions in the local public health order shall remain in full force and effect.

III. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 017, as amended and extended by this Executive Order, expires on April 26, 2020, unless modified, rescinded, or extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 017 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

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

Jared Polis
Governor