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Broomfield Board of Health Extends Colorado's Stay-at-Home Public Health Order to May 8

The City and County of Broomfield's Board of Health voted to adopt an order extending the statewide Stay-at-Home Public Health Orders through May 8, 2020, while allowing for retail businesses to offer curbside services starting April 27. Broomfield intends to allow for the *guided opening* of businesses on May 9 for in-person shopping, with public health precautions in place. The extension is in alignment with the metro area counties including Adams, Boulder, Denver, Jefferson, and Arapahoe.

"There are no easy answers. This recommendation and decision has not been made lightly, the immediate implementation of the Governor's Safer-At-Home Order does not allow Broomfield the time to ensure a structure and implementation to best protect the health of our residents, short term and long term," said Broomfield Public Health Director Jason Vahling.

Broomfield is working to meet the conditions needed to be in place to ensure the spread of COVID-19 does not surge after Stay-At-Home restrictions are eased. These necessary conditions include:

- The transmission of the virus is controlled.
- Local hospitals are able to treat all patients needing hospitalization.
- Testing is available, and there is the capacity to monitor those who have tested positive, as well as their close contacts.
- Outbreak risks are minimized in special settings like health facilities and nursing homes.
- Adequate preventive measures are in place in workplaces, businesses, and other essential places.
- Individuals and businesses have the information and guidance needed to adhere to requirements.

In the next two weeks, Broomfield will continue efforts to:

- Identify and cross-train staff to implement COVID-19 case management, including contact tracing and monitoring, complete case investigations and enforce isolation and quarantine orders.
- Expand and improve testing.
- Partner with local businesses to prepare for reopening with guidelines and policies to maintain the best public health practices.

Mayor Pat Quinn said, "Broomfield needs time to prepare for the statewide Safer-At-Home Public Health Order. If we move too quickly, the consequences could be dire, if not deadly. I know this community and I know we can give up a little today for what's best for Broomfield tomorrow."

Mayor Pro-tem Guyleen Castriotta said, "Feedback from many residents has been to extend the Stay-At-Home Order to continue protecting each other and the most vulnerable among us. Not taking adequate steps now will be detrimental later."

Through a collaborative effort over the last week, Denver, Boulder, Jefferson, Adams and Arapahoe Counties have also adopted an extension of the Stay-At-Home Public Health Order through May 8.

City and County Manager Jennifer Hoffman said, "This regional approach is critical for our community whose residents live and work across counties; the virus doesn't know boundaries."

Public Health experts encourage you to follow social distancing guidelines, stay at home as much as possible, wear masks, and practice an abundance of personal hygiene and cleanliness to keep our communities healthy.

[See Updated FAQs](#) and [agenda, memo, and presentation](#) from the meeting.

Visit BroomfieldHealth.org for more information, resources and to learn more about support programs in place including [Bridge The Gap](#) for residents who have lost wages due to COVID-19 and [Enhance Broomfield](#) to help small businesses weather the storm caused by the coronavirus.