

## **NOTICE OF SECOND EXTENSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 20-001**

Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) is working to stop the spread of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). To support this effort, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), I find it necessary to extend JCPH Order 20-001, which closed down certain facilities in Jefferson County, Colorado in an effort to protect and preserve the public health.

### **FINDINGS**

1. COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in late 2019, and since then has spread to over 60 countries, including the United States. As of April 23, 2020, there are 11,262 known positive cases of COVID-19 state-wide in Colorado, and 1,139 known positive cases in Jefferson County, Colorado, as well as 552 deaths related to COVID-19 state-wide and 59 deaths in Jefferson County.

2. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness transmitted like other respiratory illness through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic anywhere from two to fourteen days after exposure. Symptoms include fever, cough or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Individuals with serious chronic health conditions and older adults are most at risk for becoming very ill with this disease.

3. On March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a State of Emergency relating to the presence of COVID-19.

4. On March 13, 2020, the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners declared a COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency, which was extended by the full Board of County Commissioners through Resolution CC20-055 on March 16, 2020, until April 16, 2020, unless sooner amended, extended, or rescinded by the Board.

5. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19.

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6. On March 18, 2020, I issued JCPH Order 20-001 closing bars, restaurants, theatres, casinos, and public buildings in Jefferson County, subject to certain limited exceptions. On April 8, 2020, I issued the First Extension of JCPH Order 20-001, under which JCPH Order 20-001 currently expires at midnight on April 26, 2020, unless further extended.

7. JCPH Order 20-001 also incorporated Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Colorado and Public Health Orders issued by CDPHE, including EO D 2020 017 and CDPHE Fourth Updated PHO 20-24 (collectively Colorado's Stay-At-Home Orders), which are set to expire on April 26, 2020.

8. It is the interest of the businesses and residents of Jefferson County, a densely populated county in the Denver metropolitan area, to have guidelines consistent with neighboring jurisdictions, particularly given that many businesses have locations across jurisdictions and many individuals travel across jurisdictional borders for work, recreation, and other purposes.

9. Because the health conditions that led me to issue JCPH Order 20-001 have not abated, I hereby order all persons and businesses in Jefferson County to continue to abide by the requirements of Colorado's Stay-At-Home Orders through midnight on May 8, 2020, even though those orders as issued by the State would otherwise expire on April 26, 2020. By this Second Extension of JCPH Order 20-001, I hereby adopt all terms and conditions of Colorado's Stay-At-Home Orders, as set forth therein, with one limited exception as noted in Paragraph 10 below.

10. In CDPHE's Fourth Updated PHO 20-24, Critical Businesses (as defined therein) were authorized to offer retail sales through curbside delivery, but non-Critical Businesses were precluded from doing so. By this Second Extension of JCPH 20-001, the Stay-At-Home Orders as applied in Jefferson County are amended to permit non-Critical Businesses to offer curbside delivery of products under the same conditions as currently permitted under CDPHE's Fourth Updated PHO 20-24 for Critical Businesses. Specifically:

- a. The definition of Necessary Travel is hereby amended to allow travel to pick up goods through curbside delivery.
- b. On-site staffing of Non-Critical Businesses is limited to the minimum number of

employees necessary to fill and process orders and to provide curbside delivery, in addition to Minimum Basic Operations as defined in Colorado's Stay-At-Home Orders. However, in no event shall the number of employees permitted at the physical location of a Non-Critical Business exceed the number permitted by any existing or future state order.

- c. Employees of Non-Critical Businesses who are able to work remotely must continue to work remotely.
- d. No members of the public may enter the physical locations of Non-Critical Businesses, and Non-Critical Businesses must indicate that members of the public may not enter their physical locations.

11. Colorado's Safer-At-Home, announced by Governor Polis on April 20, 2020, does not apply in Jefferson County. However, nothing in this Order shall be construed to be less restrictive than any state order.

Along with CDPHE, JCPH is tasked with protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Jefferson County by investigating and controlling cases of epidemic and communicable disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. Immediate issuance of this Order is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare.

Pursuant to this Second Extension, JCPH Public Health Order 20-001, as extended, shall be in effect from April 27, 2020, at 12:01 a.m., and continuing until midnight on May 8, 2020, unless earlier amended, extended, or rescinded by the Director of JCPH.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PENALTIES CONTAINED IN C.R.S. § 25-1-114.1 and 25-1-516, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO ONE YEAR.**



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Date