



## **PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER MCPH2020-01**

### **Amendment to Colorado Stay at Home Order 20-24 Pertaining to Critical Retail Establishments Mesa County, Colorado**

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The Governor of Colorado has issued several Executive Orders to address the current COVID-19 pandemic since March 11, 2020, including an Executive Order declaring a disaster emergency due to the presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado.

On March 25, 2020, the Governor of Colorado issued Executive Order D 2020 017, which ordered Coloradans to Stay at Home due to the presence of COVID-19 in the state. This order was issued in response to the existence of hundreds of confirmed and presumptive cases of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and related deaths across the State of Colorado. Further, there is substantial evidence of community spread of COVID-19 throughout the State.

On March 25, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment issued Public Health Order 20-24 based on the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 017. On April 1st, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment updated Public Health Order 20-24 adding clarification to the essential services and social distancing definitions of the stay at home requirements.

**PURSUANT TO C.R.S.A. § 25-1-506 BE IT HEREBY ORDERED that the following restrictions be enacted to amend and supersede the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Order 20-24 by the Director of Public Health for Mesa County, Colorado.**

As of 6:00 a.m. April 13, 2020, Mesa County Public Health requires all Critical Retailers (as defined by Order 20-24), in situations where direct contact with members of the public occurs, to implement social distancing practices. This includes requiring all employees whose duties involve contact with members of the public to wear a non-medical cloth face covering, including a scarf or bandana, while performing such duties. The face coverings described in this order are not surgical masks or N95 respirators, as those are supplies that must be reserved for healthcare workers and medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.



The owners, managers, or operators of Critical Retail establishments shall maintain social distancing practices for each of their facilities within Mesa County. Social distancing practices must achieve the following, as applicable:

- a. Limiting the number of people who may enter into the facility at any one time to ensure that members of the public in the facility can easily maintain, at all times, a minimum of six (6) feet physical distance from others, except as required to complete an Essential Service activity. Persons who are family members or household contacts may stand or move together but must be separated from others by a physical distance of at least six (6) feet.
- b. Where lines may form at a facility, marking six (6) foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate social distancing.
- c. Providing hand sanitizer and effective disinfectant wipes at or near the entrance of the facility and in other appropriate areas that are used by the public.
- d. Restrooms normally open to the public shall remain open to the public.
- e. Posting a sign at all public entrances that instruct members of the public to maintain social distancing from one another, and to not enter if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever or cough.
- f. Providing for the regular disinfection of high-touch surfaces, and disinfection of all payment portals, pens, and styluses. Retailers are encouraged to also offer touchless payment mechanisms, if feasible.
- g. Requiring employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public to wear a non-medical cloth face covering, including a scarf or bandana, while performing those duties. The face coverings described in this order must cover the nose and mouth, while allowing the wearer to breathe freely. These face coverings are not surgical masks or N95 respirators, as those are supplies that must be reserved for healthcare workers and medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.
- h. Adhere to communicable disease control recommendations as provided by Mesa County Public Health.

This order shall remain in effect until April 26, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Mesa County Public Health will continue to monitor the rate of COVID-19 disease spread, the severity of illness and deaths, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, and the effect of this Order. If needed, this Order may be extended, expanded, or otherwise modified to protect the public's health.



## Definitions

### Critical Retail, includes:

- Grocery stores including all food and beverage stores
- Farm and produce stands
- Gas stations and convenience stores
- Restaurants and bars (for take-out/delivery only as necessary under Executive Order D 2020 011 and PHO 20-22, as amended)
- Marijuana dispensary (only for the sale of medical marijuana or curbside delivery pursuant to Executive Order D 2020 011)
- Liquor stores
- Firearms stores
- Hardware, farm supply, and building material stores
- Establishments engaged in the retail sale of food and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products)
- Establishments engaged in the sale of products that support working from home (this exclusion does not include businesses that primarily sell hobby craft supplies)

### Penalties

Failure to comply with this Order is subject to the penalties contained in Section 25-1-516 and 18-1.3-501, Colorado Revised Statutes, including a fine of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and imprisonment in the Mesa County jail for up to eighteen (18) months.

Effective Date: April 13, 2020

BY ORDER OF

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