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**MARCH 23, 2020 AMENDED AND RESTATED  
STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER  
RELATING TO PUBLIC EVENTS; LIMITATIONS ON THE SALE OF FOOD,  
BEVERAGES, AND RETAIL GOODS; AND RESTRICTIONS ON LODGING AND  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR  
MARCH 23, 2020**

- 1. Purpose, Effective Area.** This Public Health Order is being issued to limit the health impacts of COVID-19. This Order sets forth requirements for group gatherings and additional guidance to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This Order is effective within the entirety of Summit County, including all towns within the County.
- 2. Effective Date and Time, Limitations.** The Public Health Order will become effective at 12:00 noon on March 23, 2020, unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, and will remain in effect until further notice.
- 3. Legal Authority.** This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506 and 25-1-508, 25-1-509, Colorado Revised Statutes as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders and declarations. Under this authority, the Summit County Public Health Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of the epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine; to exercise physical control over the property and over the persons of the people within the territorial limits of Summit County; and to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health; all as the Public Health Director may find necessary for the protection of the public health. Immediate issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable and necessary under the existing circumstances and necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.
- 4. Most Restrictive Standard Controls.** To the extent any State and/or Federal orders or laws are more restrictive than what is set forth herein, such orders control. Individuals should be aware that new orders from Governor Polis and CDPHE are being issued on an almost daily basis, and all members of the public are responsible for following the Governor's orders, CDPHE orders, and local orders.

## 5. Definitions.

- A. For purposes of this Order, an “event” is defined as a gathering for business, social, or recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, or sporting events; skiing in large groups (more than 10); parades; concerts; festivals; assemblies; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities.

An event does not include activities that are primarily individual in nature or occur in small groups or in non-congregate settings, such as places of employment or primarily solitary or small-group sports like hiking or skiing, or activities like grocery shopping, as long as social distancing occurs, particularly in areas where congregating in groups is unavoidable.

- B. For purposes of this Order, “retail goods and services” is defined as all commercial establishments offering goods, products or services for sale to the general public at an established physical location, except for:
- i. the Summit County Justice Center,
  - ii. newspaper, television, radio and other media services,
  - iii. federal, state, local and special district facilities,
  - iv. public utilities or utility service providers (*e.g.* electric utility providers, internet services providers, communications services providers, water and sewer service providers),
  - v. banks and check cashing stores,
  - vi. title companies,
  - vii. grocery stores (*e.g.* Safeway, Natural Grocers, City Market, Whole Foods Market),
  - viii. hardware stores,
  - ix. medical service providers following all applicable local and state orders (*e.g.* hospitals, doctor’s offices, medical clinics, veterinarians, medical supply companies, dental offices, physical therapists, pharmacies, behavioral health care providers),
  - x. retail gas/fuel stations,
  - xi. car dealerships/auto mechanic facilities,
  - xii. car rental companies,
  - xiii. pet food stores,
  - xiv. package liquor stores,
  - xv. laundromats, and
  - xvi. marijuana dispensaries.

Department stores that have a grocery and pharmacy component, such as Walmart and Target, will be considered grocery stores and/or pharmacies for purposes of

this Order, so long as they comply with the restrictions set forth in more detail below.

- C. For purposes of this Order, “transportation services” shall include all transportation services open to the public including the Summit Stage, Breckenridge Free Ride, mountain shuttle services to the extent they operate in the County (*e.g.* Colorado Mountain Express, Peak 1 Express), and ride-sharing services (*e.g.* Uber, Lyft). Transportation services does not include ambulances, paratransit services (*e.g.*, Mountain Mobility), or the scheduled transport of convalescent patients and individuals with disabilities.
- D. For purposes of this Order, “short-term lodging” shall include but is not limited to hotels, motels, short term rentals of 30 days or less (*e.g.* Airbnb, VRBO, timeshares), bed and breakfasts, condo-tels, lodges and retreats.
- E. For purposes of this Order, “nonessential personal services” means services and products that are not necessary to maintain an individual’s health or safety, or the sanitation or essential operation of a business or residence. Nonessential personal services include, but are not limited to, hair or nail salons, spas, body art establishments (*e.g.*, tattoos, piercings) or massage establishments.

**6. Large Events and Gatherings (More than 10 attendees).** This Order prohibits all large events of more than 10 people, both indoors and outdoors. Events or gatherings of less than 10 attendees are also prohibited unless measures are taken to minimize risk as provided for herein.

**7. Events and Gatherings with Less Than 10 Attendees.** Events with fewer than 10 attendees are prohibited unless the event host takes the following required steps to mitigate risks.

- a. Proper hand hygiene and sanitation measures must be readily available to all attendees, employees, and vendors and frequently utilized by all employees and vendors.
- b. Environmental cleaning guidelines from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must be followed (*e.g.*, clean and disinfect high touch surfaces frequently).
- c. Social distancing recommendations must be met, include limiting contact of people within 6 feet from each other for 10 minutes or longer, and any other applicable social distancing requirements that are promulgated.
- d. Employees must be screened for coronavirus symptoms each day and excluded if symptomatic.
- e. Organizers of events must ask attendees if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and, if they do, prohibit symptomatic attendees from attending the event. This screening for COVID-19 symptoms should occur daily for all event attendees.

- f. Older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions that are at increased risk of serious COVID-19 must be encouraged not to attend (including employees).

**8. Limitations on the Sale of Food and Beverages, Including Liquor, Beer and Wine, to Carry-Out and Delivery Only.**

a. The sale of food and beverages in Summit County, including liquor, beer and wine is limited to carry-out and delivery only, subject to all other applicable licensing and regulatory requirements.

b. The on-site consumption of food or beverages is prohibited; however, the sale of food and beverages at a business or institutional facility for consumption elsewhere at the facility, away from the point of sale, is permitted.

c. Lines for carry-out in establishments are limited to **five** members of the public and should have an environment where patrons and staff maintain social distancing (six feet away from other people) whenever possible. Whenever possible, establishments are encouraged to restrict carry-out lines to outdoor areas and still maintain social distancing among patrons.

d. It is recommended that all payment transactions occur electronically or verbally prior to any food or beverage pick-up so that no cash or credit/debit cards are physically exchanged.

**9. Limitations on Establishments Providing Retail Goods and Services.**

a. Establishments providing retail goods and services, as specifically defined above, are prohibited from operating unless exempted in this Section 9. All establishments that remain operational under the parameters of this Order shall abide by the social distancing and all other applicable requirements of this Order.

b. In order to discourage public gatherings and overcrowding, establishments meeting the definition of grocery, pharmacy, pet food store, or hardware store may sell only those items included in those categories; i.e., stores shall cordon off and not allow sales of items other than pharmaceuticals, groceries including essential goods and services such as cleaning products, pet food and supplies, or hardware. It is the intent this Order shall be construed to prohibit the sale of all non-essential goods in order to prevent the community spread of COVID-19.

c. Exception: All establishments providing retail goods may continue to provide goods via online or over-the-phone sales, provided that goods ordered through such means must be delivered by mail or by delivery to a customer's home or a customer's vehicle located outside of the retail location.

**10. Limitation on Non-Essential Personal Services.**

a. Effective March 23, 2020 at 12 noon, non-essential personal services facilities are prohibited from operating.

b. Exception: Non-essential personal services facilities that also provide retail goods may continue to provide goods via online or over-the-phone sales, provided that goods ordered through such means must be delivered by mail or by delivery to a customer's home or a customer's vehicle located outside the retail location.

**11. Limitations on Transportation Services.** All transportations services including but not limited to bus services, taxis, ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft, and shuttle services are prohibited from operating except as necessary for good cause in order to provide transportation for visitors leaving Summit County and residents returning home to Summit County.

**12. Limitations on Short-Term Lodging.**

a. All short term lodging operations are prohibited from operating and taking new reservations from the date of this Order until April 30, 2020.

b. All short term lodging units must be vacated through April 30, 2020.

c. Exception: If a short-term lodging unit is occupied by a local worker, that worker may remain in the unit.

d. Exception: If individual(s) are experiencing symptoms of illness, or are under a quarantine or isolation order from Summit County Public Health, or have other good cause to do so they may remain in any short term lodging unit occupied by such individual(s) and shall be exempt from the limitations set forth herein so long as such individual(s) remain in the unit.

**13. General Information for all Persons.** The Public Health Director strongly recommends that residents and visitors cancel or avoid all non-essential events, regardless of size, where appropriate social distancing and preventative measures may not occur.

Visitors to or non-full time residents of Summit County are strongly encouraged to return to their primary residence as soon as practicable, and comply with Governor Polis' recommendations regarding self-quarantine.

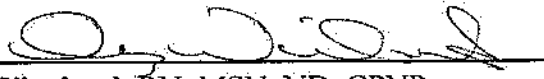
In accordance with Governor Polis' Executive Order D 2020 007, all public and private elementary and secondary schools, including public preschools on public school campuses shall remained closed through April 17, 2020.

These actions are some of the most available and effective tools to help slow the spread of the virus in our community – and, importantly, to reduce the number of potential deaths caused by

COVID-19. By slowing the spread, we have a chance to protect our family, friends, and neighbors who are at risk for severe illness. In particular, this includes all adults over age 60 and anyone with an underlying health condition.

These actions will limit the cascading impacts on critical services due to high absenteeism if large numbers of workers become ill. This Order and actions will help hospitals, first responders, and other health care services continue to provide services for those who need them (along with utilities, human services, and businesses) in the coming weeks and months. Collective action can save lives and is in support of the most vulnerable in our community. The more united we can be in preventing the spread the greater the benefit for the whole community.

**14. 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 (\$5,000) dollars and imprisonment in the county jail for up to eighteen (18) months.

By:   
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