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**SUBJECT:** Summary of Governor's Executive Orders Issued During COVID-19 Emergency

## Summary

This memorandum provides a summary of the various Executive Orders and Public Health Orders issued during the declared disaster emergency related to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado.<sup>1</sup> The full text of the Governor's Executive Orders can be found here:

<https://www.colorado.gov/governor/2020-executive-orders>

The full text of the state's Public Health Orders issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) can be found here:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/public-health-executive-orders-resource>

A table that outlines all of the Executive Orders and Public Health Orders included in this memorandum is provided as Attachment A.

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<sup>1</sup>Please note that this memorandum covers those Executive Orders and Public Health Orders that have been issued through July 23, 2020, and will be updated in the future as additional Executive Orders and Public Health Orders are issued.

## Emergency Declarations

On March 10, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis verbally declared a disaster emergency due to the presence of COVID-19 in the state. [Executive Order D 2020-003](#), issued on March 11, 2020, memorialized this declaration and was originally in effect for 30 days. The Governor has extended the order five times and it is set to expire 30 days from July 6, 2020. The following bullets discuss the contents of the executive order.

- The order authorizes the Colorado National Guard to support and provide planning, logistics, personnel, and facilities to state and local authorities in responding to COVID-19.
- The order directs CDPHE to issue all public health orders necessary to protect individuals who reside or are cared for in a Colorado licensed or certified skilled nursing facility.
- The order directs CDPHE to issue all public health orders necessary to protect individuals who reside or are cared for in a Colorado licensed or certified skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, assisted living facility, or similar entity. In response to the order, CDPHE issued [Public Health Order 20-20](#), which restricts visitation by nonessential individuals, requires screening of essential individuals prior to entry into the building, and establishes procedures the facility must follow if there is a suspected, presumptive, or confirmed COVID-19 patient. [Public Health Order 20-20](#) was amended on April 20, 2020, to, among other provisions, require senior care facilities to create and submit a COVID-19 prevention and response plan to CDPHE by May 1, 2020. These plans must detail the steps the facility will take to implement COVID-19 prevention strategies, in addition to how the facility will identify and isolate residents who test positive or have symptoms compatible with COVID-19.
- The order directs the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) to issue emergency rules to ensure workers in specific, high-risk industries have access to up to four days of paid sick leave if they exhibit flu-like symptoms and have to miss work while they await testing results for COVID-19. Information about these rules can be found here:<sup>2</sup>

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/colorado-health-emergency-leave-pay-%E2%80%9Ccolorado-help%E2%80%9D-rules>

- The order directs the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) to temporarily allow Coloradans over the age of 65 to renew their driver's licenses online.
- The order directs the Colorado Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) to issue emergency rules relating to access to paid leave for state workers who are subject to mandatory or voluntary quarantine or isolation who cannot work from home. The full rules can be found here:

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=8633&fileName=4%20CCR%20801-1>

- The order also makes money in the Disaster Emergency Fund available for COVID-19 response activities (see section on the Disaster Emergency Fund for more information); discusses the role of

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<sup>2</sup>These rules were later updated following the safer at home executive order.

the Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee; and activates the disaster response and recovery aspects of applicable state, local, and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans.

[Executive Order D 2020-032](#), issued on April 8, 2020, extends the disaster emergency declaration for an additional 30 days. The order also makes additional money from the Disaster Emergency Fund available for COVID-19 response activities, directs DPA to prepare facilities that are suitable for overflow patients, and temporarily suspends several statutory requirements related to the state's procurement of goods and services that are reasonably necessary to save lives, mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent the further spread of COVID-19, and protect against overwhelming the state's health care system. [Executive Order D 2020-058](#), issued on May 7, 2020, extends the disaster emergency declaration for an additional 30 days. The order also makes additional money from the Disaster Emergency Fund available for COVID-19 response activities. [Executive Order D 2020-076](#), issued on May 22, 2020, extends the disaster emergency declaration for an additional 30 days and makes additional money from the Disaster Emergency Fund available for COVID-19 response activities.

[Executive Order D 2020-109](#), issued on June 20, 2020, extended the declared disaster emergency an additional 30 days from June 19, 2020. The order also increases the amount from the Disaster Emergency Fund to be used for response activities related to COVID-19 to \$124.8 million. On July 6, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-125](#), which extends the declared disaster emergency an additional 30 days from July 6, 2020. The order also requires \$226.0 million from the Disaster Emergency Fund to be used to respond to activities related to the COVID-19 emergency.

## **Suspension of Programs and Services Due to Insufficient Revenues**

Section 24-75-201.5, C.R.S., requires the Governor to formulate a plan to reduce General Fund expenditures in the event that current fiscal year revenue estimates indicate that current fiscal year General Fund appropriations will result in the use of one-half or more of the General Fund Reserve. In compliance with this requirement, on April 30, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-050](#), which ordered the suspension, discontinuation, or reduction of a variety of programs and services due to insufficient revenues available for state expenditures. The spending reductions total \$228.7 million across 16 different state agencies, with a majority of the cuts (\$183 million) coming from Medicaid services. A full list of the spending cuts outlined in the order is provided as Attachment B.

On June 23, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-113](#), which rescinds Executive Order D 2020-050, because [House Bill 20-1360](#), also known as the Long Bill, replicated the order's suspension or discontinuation of \$228.7 million in government programs through the end of Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

## **Allocation of Federal CARES Act Funds**

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law by President Trump. The bill made a variety of changes to support different areas of the U.S. economy impacted by the COVID-19 emergency and provide supports to the health care system. The

bill also established the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provides direct payments to state, local, and tribal governments to help cover unanticipated expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 emergency. On May 18, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-070](#), which directs the expenditure of the approximately \$1.67 billion the Colorado state government has received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The executive order was later amended by [Executive Order D 2020-081](#), which Governor Polis issued on May 28, 2020.

Under the CARES Act, funds received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund may only be used to cover expenses that:

- are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
- were incurred from March 1, 2020, to December 30, 2020.

Pursuant to the Executive Order D 2020-070, Governor Polis directs the funds the state has received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be allocated as follows :

- \$510.0 million to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) for expenditures associated with actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures, including facilitating distance learning and social distancing for in-person contact hours, mitigating lost learning, and the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 emergency to stimulate the economy by supporting Colorado's workforce through increasing free instructional hours for the kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education system. The order specifies that these funds must be distributed on a per pupil basis to local school districts, and proportionally by student population to the Charter School Institute and the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind, and \$25,000 to each Board of Cooperative Education Services;
- \$450.0 million to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) for expenditures associated with actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures and with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 emergency to stimulate the economy by supporting Colorado's workforce through increasing student retention and completions at state institutions of public higher education. The order specifies that institutions that receive these funds must commit to raise their FY 2020-21 resident undergraduate tuition rate by no more than three percent, or seek a waiver from the Governor's Office;
- \$275.0 million to units of local government that that did not receive a direct distribution of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for expenses to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures (Executive Order D 2020-081 broadens the allowable uses for this money to include all eligible expenses pursuant to the CARES Act);
- \$205.0 million to the Disaster Emergency Fund to respond to the COVID-19 emergency;
- \$84.84 million to remain available for payroll and other necessary expenditures for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 emergency;
- \$70.0 million to the General Fund for eligible expenditures;

- \$37.0 million to CDE for expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the COVID-19 emergency, in particular the increased number of at-risk pupils due to the COVID-19-related recession (Executive Order D 2020-081 amends this to have this money transferred to the State Education Fund instead of CDE);
- \$22.0 million to the Colorado Department of Human services (CDHS) for expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the COVID-19 emergency, specifically for increased caseload due to the COVID-19-related recession;
- \$10.0 million to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the COVID-19 emergency, specifically for emergency rental and mortgage assistance to low to moderate income individuals, as well as additional direct assistance, if appropriate, for individuals that have been economically impacted by COVID-19, with preference given to individuals who are ineligible for other forms of assistance;
- \$8.0 million to the Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC) for expenditures to comply with public health measures pertaining to state prisons, including sanitation and effectively implementing social distancing measures; and
- \$2.0 million to CDHS for expenditures to comply with public health measures pertaining to maintaining veterans living facilities and other state facilities with congregate care, including relating to sanitation and improvement of social distancing measures.

## **Business Operations and Stay at Home/Safer at Home Orders**

**Ski resorts.** One of the first actions Governor Polis took after declaring a disaster emergency was to issue [Executive Order D 2020-004](#), which orders that downhill ski resorts suspend their operations for one week, from March 15, 2020, to March 22, 2020. The focus on ski resorts was due to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 in the counties where many of Colorado's ski resorts are located and the medical centers in these areas having a limited ability to meet the needs of individuals with COVID-19. The closure of ski resorts was extended to April 6, 2020, in [Executive Order D 2020-006](#), extended to April 30, 2020, in [Executive Order D 2020-026](#), signed on April 6, 2020, and again extended to May 23, 2020 in [Executive Order D 2020-049](#), which was signed on April 30, 2020.

**Prohibiting in-person dining and closure of other businesses.** On March 16, 2020, Governor Polis announced the issuance of [Public Health Order 20-22](#) by CDPHE, which orders the closure of all movie and performance theaters, gymnasiums, and casinos in Colorado, and prohibits the onsite consumption of food or beverages at all bars, restaurants, and other types of food and beverage establishments. The order encourages restaurants and other establishments to offer food and beverages to customers using delivery, walk-up services, and drive-throughs. The order was amended on March 19, 2020, to order the closure of racetracks, off-track pari-mutuel wagering facilities, and nonessential personal services facilities, including hair and nail salons, spas, tattoo parlors, and massage parlors. The order was originally scheduled to remain in effect for 30 days, but

was later extended to remain in effect through April 30, 2020. Individuals violating the order may be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and face up to one year in county jail.<sup>3</sup>

**Mass gathering limitations.** Beginning March 19, 2020, [Public Health Order 20-23](#) places a limit on mass gatherings to no more than ten people. These gatherings include community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based events, sporting events with spectators, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, festivals, and any other similar event or activity that brings together ten or more people in a single room or space at the same time in a venue such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, private club, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. The order was originally scheduled to remain in effect for 30 days. Individuals violating the order may be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and face up to one year in county jail.

**Alcohol and marijuana sales.** On March 20, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-011](#), which temporarily allows bars and restaurants licensed for the on-premises consumption of alcohol to sell alcohol beverages in sealed containers through delivery or takeout if the customer also purchases food. The order also temporarily allows breweries that operate a sales room to sell beer in sealed containers through delivery or takeout. The order also temporarily suspends the prohibition on online sales of retail marijuana by retail marijuana stores to allow these stores to facilitate the pick-up of retail marijuana by consumers in a manner consistent with social distancing guidelines. The original order was scheduled to be in effect until April 18, 2020; however, this was extended to April 30, 2020, in [Executive Order D 2020-029](#). Executive Order D 2020-029 also expands the types of alcohol beverages that bars and restaurants can sell, requires the beverages to be in containers approved by the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division, and allows wineries and distilleries operating a sales room to sell alcohol beverages through delivery or takeout in approved containers. [Executive Order D 2020-052](#), which was issued by Governor Polis on April 30, 2020, extends the effective date of these provisions for an additional 30 days.

On June 5, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-093](#), which temporarily suspends state statute concerning the definition of a premise as a distinct and definite location as well as statute that requires a separate location for licensed premises. This suspension will allow two or more on-premises liquor licensees to operate in a communal outdoor dining area that is within 1,000 feet of each of their licensed premises, per the requirements listed in [Public Health Order 20-28](#). The Executive Order also requires the Liquor Enforcement Division in the Department of Revenue to review applications for temporary modification of liquor licenses within 24 hours of submission. The order also temporarily suspends the enforcement of statutory prohibitions regulating public consumption of alcoholic beverages on any public right of way that has been approved by ordinance, resolution, or rule adopted by a municipality, city and county, or county. The order was set to expire on June 27, 2020; however, on June 27, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-118](#), which extends the order an additional 30 days.

**Workforce reduction.** On March 22, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-013](#), which orders all Colorado employers to reduce their in-person workforce by at least 50 percent beginning March 24, 2020, through April 10, 2020, while encouraging employers to implement telework, other work-from-home arrangements, staggered work schedules, or social distancing measures. The order

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<sup>3</sup>Public Health Order 20-20 and Public Health Order 20-23 were issued pursuant to CDPHE's statutory authority to close theaters, schools, and other public places, and to forbid gatherings of people when necessary to protect the public health (Section 25-1.5-101 (1)(a), C.R.S.), and to investigate and control the causes of epidemic and communicable diseases affecting the public health (Section 25-1.5-102 (1)(a)(I), C.R.S.).aiair



directs CDPHE to issue a public health order identifying critical businesses exempt from the order. In response to the order, CDPHE issued [Public Health Order 20-24](#). [Executive Order D 2020-025](#), signed on April 6, 2020, rescinds the workforce reduction order due to the more stringent requirements of the stay at home order.

**Stay at home and safer at home orders.** On March 25, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-017](#), which orders Coloradans to stay at home whenever possible due to the presence of COVID-19 beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020. [Public Health Order 20-24](#), which identifies critical businesses, was updated to reflect the stay at home order, and has been updated several times. The order directs all Coloradans to stay at home, with limited exceptions such as obtaining food and other household necessities, going to and from work at critical businesses, seeking medical care, caring for dependents or pets, or caring for a vulnerable person in another location. The order also directs all non-critical businesses to temporarily close, except as necessary to engage in minimum basic operations needed to protect assets and maintain personnel functions.

The stay at home order was originally set to remain in effect through April 11, 2020; however, [Executive Order D 2020-024](#), signed on April 6, 2020, extended the stay at home order through April 26, 2020.

More information about the public health orders and critical business guidelines can be found here:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/stay-home-except-essential-needs>

On April 26, 2020, following the expiration of the statewide stay at home order, Governor Polis issue [Executive Order D 2020-044](#), which continues the stay at home requirements for vulnerable individuals and permits the limited reopening of certain business operations. The executive order outlines specific requirements and directs CDPHE to issue a new public health order [Public Health Order 20-28](#)<sup>4</sup>. Major components of the executive order and public health order are discussed in the bullets below.

- Vulnerable individuals (individuals who are 65 years and older, individuals with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, individuals who have serious heart conditions, individuals who are immunocompromised, pregnant women, and individuals determined to be high risk by a licensed health care provider) are directed to stay home except when necessary. Employers are required to make work accommodations for these individuals.
- Critical businesses and critical government functions are allowed to continue operating while following mandatory social distancing requirements and other guidelines established by CDPHE. Non-critical retailers are allowed to begin operating and offering goods through delivery, walk-up, drive-through, drive-up service, or curbside delivery. Beginning May 1, 2020, these non-critical retailers are permitted to begin allowing customers into the store while complying with social distancing requirements and other guidelines established by CDPHE. Beginning May 1, 2020, limited personal services may also resume in-person services if certain requirements are met.

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<sup>4</sup>Prior versions of Public Health Order 20-28 were issued on April 26, 2020 ([here](#)), May 4, 2020 ([here](#)), May 8, 2020 ([here](#)), May 14, 2020 ([here](#)), May 26, 2020 ([here](#)), June 4, 2020 ([here](#)), and June 18, 2020 ([here](#)).

- Beginning May 4, 2020, non-critical commercial businesses are permitted to begin allowing up to 50 percent of their employees to work in-person while complying with social distancing requirements and other guidelines established by CDPHE.
- Employers with over 50 employees in any one location must follow certain protocols, including symptom screening and temperature check stations, closure of common areas, and cleaning protocols.
- Individuals who are sick or who test positive for COVID-19 are directed to stay home except as necessary to care for themselves or seek medical care.
- Employers are encouraged to provide reasonable work accommodations for workers with child care responsibilities and workers who live in the same household as a vulnerable individual to the greatest extent possible by promoting telecommuting or other remote work options, flexible schedules, or other means.
- Coloradans are ordered to limit social interactions to the greatest extent possible and to limit essential travel to within their county of residence or employment and recreational travel to no further than 10 miles from their residence.
- CDLE must amend the prior emergency sick leave rules to extend paid sick leave coverage to up to two-thirds pay for 14 days if a worker has tested positive for COVID-19, has COVID-like symptoms, or has been directed to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19 concerns. Information about these rules can be found here:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/colorado-health-emergency-leave-pay-%E2%80%9Ccolorado-help%E2%80%9D-rules>

- CDLE must promulgate emergency rules and guidance to ensure that workers, particularly vulnerable individuals, are not in danger of losing unemployment insurance eligibility for refusal to return to COVID-19-related demonstrable, unsafe working conditions.
- Counties and municipalities are allowed to adopt more protective standards than those outlined in the executive order. Any county wishing to apply for a local variance from part or all of the executive order must submit a written application to CDPHE certifying that the county has low COVID-19 case counts or can document 14 consecutive days of decline in reported COVID-19 cases. The application must include a COVID-19 suppression plan approved by the local public health authority, all hospitals within the county, and a majority of the county commissioners. CDPHE is directed to not provide COVID-19 preparedness grant funding to any county that implements measures that are less restrictive than the state standards outlined in the executive order if the county did not first obtain approval from CDPHE.

The safer at home order was originally scheduled to expire 30 days from April 27, 2020; however, on May 25, 2020, Governor Polis signed [Executive Order D 2020-079](#), which amends and extends the safer at home order for an additional eight days to June 1, 2020. The new executive order also:



- removes the limitation that Coloradans limit their recreational travel to no further than 10 miles from their residence, and instead urges all Coloradans to honor all restrictions in place at their destination and avoid travel to counties and municipalities that issue travel restrictions;
- allows outside dining and limited indoor dining to occur if following guidance issued by CDPHE; and
- directs CDPHE to issue guidance for summer camps.

On June 1, 2020, following the expiration date of the original safer at home order, as extended by Executive Order D 2020-079, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-091](#), which implements the “Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors” order. The order encourages Coloradans, especially vulnerable individuals, to stay at home or outdoors away from others as much as possible and continue to limit social interactions, remain at least six feet from others not in their household, and wear non-medical facial coverings in public. The order also allows businesses and activities not specifically addressed to operate in accordance with general guidance from CDPHE concerning group limitations, social distancing requirements, and sanitation and cleaning protocols.

Executive Order D 2020-091 also:

- states that vulnerable individuals cannot be compelled to perform in-person work for any business or government function;
- directs the Colorado Civil Rights Division with the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and CDPHE to provide continued guidance to prevent discrimination in the workplace related to COVID-19;
- requires employers to provide reasonable accommodation and prohibits employers from discriminating against employees who are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been in contact with a known positive case of COVID-19;
- continues various other aspects of the prior safer at home order, including the emergency sick leave and unemployment insurance coverage rules issued by CDLE and county variance request guidelines; and
- directs CDPHE to issue additional guidance governing several other sectors, including houses of worship, short-term rentals, team sports, state parks, and personal and outdoor recreation activities.

Additional information related to CDPHE’s guidance and resources can be found here:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home>  
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/guidance-resources>

On June 30, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-123](#), which amends “Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors” order and extends the effective date of Executive Order 2020-091 30 days from June 30, 2020. Specifically, the order directs individuals who are experiencing flu-like symptoms or who are sick to get tested for COVID-19. If an individual has tested positive or has symptoms of

COVID-19, they should stay in isolation until they have had no fever for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fever, other symptoms have improved, and at least ten days have passed since the symptoms first appeared. Individuals who are sick and receive negative COVID-19 test results should stay home and consult their health care provider about the possibility of additional testing.

Executive Order 2020-123 also:

- directs bars to close unless the establishment ensures access to food at tables spaced at least six feet apart;
- permits bars to sell alcoholic beverages to-go for takeout or delivery consumption if the beverages are sold with food;
- exempts bars from the provisions of Executive Order 2020-123 if bars are permitted to open pursuant to the terms of a county variance; and
- directs the Executive Director of the Department of Revenue to require that the Liquor Enforcement Division respond to an application for temporary modification of a license for bars that serve food from a licensed retail food establishment within 24 hours.

On July 21, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020 D-142](#), which amends provisions listed above by directing licensees such as hotels, restaurants, and pubs to cease alcohol beverage sales to consumers at 10:00 P.M. Mountain Standard Time (MDT) each day. The order was set to expire 30 days from July 21, 2020. On July 23, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-144](#), which amends the previous order by directing licensees that serve alcohol on premise to cease alcohol beverage sales between 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. MDT daily. The order allows on-premises licensees to deliver alcohol after 10:00 P.M.; however, takeout alcohol beverage sales are prohibited after 10:00 P.M. The order is set to expire 30 days from July 23, 2020.

A list of all licensees included in the above order can be found in Articles 3, 4, and 5, of Title 44 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, here:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/crs2018-title-44.pdf>

In response to [Executive Order D 2020-091](#) issued on June 1, 2020, CDPHE released a revised version of [Public Health Order 20-28](#). The order supersedes and replaces Public Health Orders 20-22 and 20-24. The following personal recreation activities can resume as of June 4, 2020, if the following guidelines are maintained:

- Play and outdoor sports facilities, such as tennis and pickleball courts, to be used by no more than 25 people at a time. Areas that are frequently touched should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Outdoor swimming pools can open at 50 percent capacity, with a limitation of no more than 50 people. Highly touched areas should be cleaned and disinfected every hour.

- Organized adult or recreational youth league sports can offer activities with no more than 25 players outdoors or ten players indoors. Parents are permitted to attend youth sports activities but are required to remain six feet apart from non-household members. Spectators are strongly discouraged from attending adult sports. The sports league is required to track records of players who participate in case the activity causes eventual disease outbreak investigations.
- Gyms, recreation centers, and indoor pools may open for use at 25 percent capacity and cannot exceed 50 people, whichever is less, per room. Individuals who use recreational facilities are required to maintain a distance of six feet. Individuals are strongly discouraged from sharing equipment; however, if it equipment is shared, it must be cleaned and disinfected between uses. Restroom and showers are permitted for use, while lockers must remain closed.
- Competitive events such as races and endurance events are permitted as long as participants and spectators can maintain six foot distancing and a limitation on group size. Implementing staggered start times and prohibiting gatherings at starts and finishes so that no more than ten people are gathered at a time can help achieve this distancing requirement.

Effective June 4, 2020, and if authorized within the local jurisdiction, the following outdoor recreation activities are permitted:

- Non-guided recreation groups no larger than ten individuals can resume outdoor recreation activities.
- Equipment rentals for non-guided activities are allowed as long as they comply with the requirements listed in Appendix A of the public health order.
- Guide services for fishing, hunting, biking, horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, ATV tours, and climbing are permitted in groups of ten or less. River outfitters, rafting, or Jeep Tours are allowed as long as there are not more than ten individuals or two households.
- Developed hot springs can operate up to 50 percent capacity or no more than 50 people. Frequently touched areas should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Ski resorts can permit outdoor recreation activities such as mountain biking, hiking, climbing walls, mountain coasters, ropes courses, adventure parks, zip lines, etc. if the local public health agency reviews and approves the resort's plans to reopen. Zip lines, ropes courses, outdoor artificial climbing walls, or outdoor sports adventure centers not affiliated with ski resorts can reopen as long as the local public health agency has reviewed and approved the resort's plans.
- Scenic trains can operate if every public health agency in each jurisdiction that the train passes through has approved the train's plan.
- Trail and conservation crews can resume efforts in groups no larger than ten.

The public health order also prohibits the following events from occurring to address concerns regarding disease transmission in larger group activities:

- Gatherings or events of more than ten people that are not permitted unless authorized in the public health order. These events include: rodeos; fairs; festivals; parades; and receptions for more than ten people.
- Car, motorcycle, or horse races are prohibited unless there are no spectators and race personnel maintain a distance of six feet as much as possible.

The public health order issues the following guidelines for life rite ceremonies and houses of worship:

- Life rites that are indoors such as wedding ceremonies, graduation ceremonies, funerals, and other religious rites are permitted as long as a capacity of 50 percent or no more than 50 people indoors is maintained. Individuals must maintain a distance of six feet from non-household members and seek approval from the local authority for the maximum number of individuals for outdoor rites. Receptions or parties associated with life rites that take place indoors or outdoors are not permitted.
- Effective June 4, 2020, houses of worship can open to 50 percent of the posted occupancy indoors but cannot exceed 50 people, whichever is less, per room. Individuals participating in indoor and outdoor worship services must maintain a distance of six feet between non-household members. Houses of worship must coordinate with the appropriate local authority to receive approval for the maximum number of individuals who can attend an outdoor worship service. Face coverings are encouraged to be worn by staff and volunteers, except for children under the age of two or those who are unable to remove a mask without assistance.

Additional guidance on conducting and maintaining proper hygiene for life rite ceremonies and worship services can be found here:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/worship-guidance>

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/cleaning-guidance>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

On June 18, 2020, CDPHE released an amended version of [Public Health Order 20-28](#) set to expire 30 days after June 1, 2020. The revised public health order includes the following guidelines for indoor and outdoor events, effective June 18, 2020:

- Outdoor venues can allow up to 175 people and indoor venues can allow up to 100 people, excluding staff members. A distance of six feet must be maintained between individuals or non-household contacts and operators. All employees and attendees must wear face masks unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health. CDPHE's [social distancing space calculator](#) can be used to calculate the appropriate capacity.
- An indoor or outdoor event that includes spectators can allow for use of an activity and spectator space; however, if individuals move back and forth from the activity space to the spectator space, those participants will count towards the overall capacity limit.

- Performers are not included in the capacity limits as long as they stay at least 25 feet from attendees and do not join the spectator or patron areas. Performers must also use a separate entrance and exit from spectators or patrons.
- Activities must occur a minimum of 50 feet from each other, and event coordinators must establish separate entrances and exits as well as must minimize the use of shared facilities.
- Event operators and organizers must implement screening protocols for all employees, manage the event to comply with the capacity limits per activity at all times, and manage the flow between two or more designated activities to minimize mixing of groups including the use of single direction traffic flow in and out of the venue and seating area.
- Food sold at indoor and outdoor events must follow the restaurant requirements.
- Indoor market and mall operators must comply with the indoor event requirements. Outdoor market operators must follow the outdoor event guidance.
- Drive-in events such as theaters or fireworks displays are permitted to operate above the ten person gathering limit as long as participants remain in their vehicles, six feet apart, and only minimal common services such as concessions and restrooms are available.
- Ventilation in an outdoor venue must meet [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) guidance.
- Large venues or houses of worship hosting life rite ceremonies or worship services may operate up to 100 people indoors within their usable space calculated using CDPHE's [social distancing space calculator](#). Individuals who participate in outdoor life rite ceremonies or worship services, must maintain six feet distance between non-household members and work with the appropriate local authority to obtain approval for the maximum number of individuals who may use the outdoor space. This authorization only includes the life rite ceremonies and worship services themselves and not the receptions or parties associated with the ceremony or service.
- Non-critical manufacturing can operate at 50 percent capacity but not exceed 50 employees per room.
- Residential camps may operate with groups of ten indoors and 25 outdoors.

Effective June 18, 2020, the public health order issues the following guidelines for food venues and restaurants:

- Extra large restaurants can serve no more than 100 patrons indoors within their usable space using the [social distancing space calculator](#). Tables and groups must maintain a distance of six feet and are limited to no more than eight people. Restaurants can use any existing licensed outdoor space for in-person dining. Restaurants must obtain approval from their local government's permitting, building, and fire code oversight agency before any new outdoor dining space is used.

- Microbreweries, distillery pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, clubs and other places of public accommodation that offer alcoholic beverages for on premise consumption, may operate at 25 percent of posted occupancy or 50 patrons, whichever is less.
- If a venue or restaurant provides access to food from a licensed retail food establishment for on premise consumption, it can allow up to 50 individuals or 50 percent of the posted capacity, whichever is less. Extra large venues or restaurants can allow up to 100 individuals indoors. These calculations can be made using the [social distancing space calculator](#).

Access and guidance on the Social Distancing Space Calculator can be found here:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/social-distancing-calculator-for-indoor-and-outdoor-events>

On June 30, 2020, CDPHE released an amended version of [Public Health Order 20-28](#) set to expire 30 days after June 30, 2020. The revised public health order includes new guidelines for the implementation of Safer at Home and in the Vast Great Outdoors order, as directed by Governor Polis. The public health order permits professional sports to resume pre-season practices, training, and league play, if they submit a reopening plan that outlines their disease and mitigation strategies to CDPHE. In addition, sporting events that include both a professional and recreational event must have their opening plan reviewed and approved by CDPHE.

On July 9, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-127](#), which allows local communities to move from the requirements in the “Safer at Home in the Vast, Great Outdoors” order to the “Protect Our Neighbors” phase of the COVID-19 response. The order allows local communities to allow activities to occur at 50 percent capacity with social distancing and no more than 500 people in a space if certain qualifications are met. To qualify for the Protect Our Neighbors phase, a county or region must demonstrate that requirements established by CDPHE are met. Critical businesses that have been authorized to operate without capacity restrictions throughout the pandemic do not qualify for the guidelines of the order. The order is set to expire 30 days from July 9, 2020.

Executive Order D 2020-127 also:

- encourages individuals who are at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 to continue to stay at home or in the vast great outdoors away from others, limit social interactions, remain at least six feet from non-household members, and wear face coverings in public;
- reinforces that vulnerable individuals cannot be compelled to perform in-person work for any business or government function;
- directs the Colorado Civil Rights Division and CDPHE to continue to provide guidance to prevent COVID-19 related discrimination in the workplace that includes discriminating against employees who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with a known positive case of the virus; and
- requires CDPHE to issue a new public health order consistent with the guidelines of this order for counties and regions that qualify for the Protect Our Neighbors phase. CDPHE must also create an implementation process that will allow communities to move out of the Safer at Home phase.



In response to [Executive Order D 2020-127](#), issued on July 10, 2020, CDPHE released [Public Health Order 20-32](#), which further establishes the requirements to implement the Protect Our Neighbors phase. As of July 6, 2020, the following requirements for counties or regions to move into the Protect Our Neighbors phase are in effect:

- Counties or regions that are not yet certified for Protect Our Neighbors must remain under the requirements of [PHO 20-28](#) and any variances approved by CDPHE or the local public health agency.
- Counties or regions must complete an online certification form to apply for a certification to move into the Protect Our Neighbors phase.
- Counties or regions must demonstrate in their application that they can meet the following metrics: sufficient hospital bed capacity; adequate personal protective equipment supply; stable or declining COVID-19 hospitalizations; fewer new COVID-19 cases; sufficient testing capacity; capacity to implement contact tracing protocol; and ability to provide a documented surge capacity plan for case investigation and contact tracing.
- Counties or regions that are certified are permitted to devise their own mitigation and containment plan within the authorized Protect Our Neighbors framework, which allows for up to 50 percent capacity with social distancing with no more than 500 people.
- Containment and mitigation plans must list public health safety strategies that include efforts such as what the county or region will do if it falls out of compliance with metrics listed in the plan or how possible COVID-19 outbreaks will be quickly addressed. Plans must also include written support from local agencies such as public health, demonstrating their commitment to supporting plan compliance.
- A county or region must notify CDPHE if it falls out of compliance with one or more of the required metrics of the Protect Our Neighbors phase. A county or region has three weeks to come back into compliance with the metrics. If compliance is not met, CDPHE will work with the county or region to reach compliance; however if compliance is still not achieved, CDPHE will determine if the county or region will return to the Safer at Home phase.

The public health order issues the following guidelines for business operations:

- Critical businesses and government functions can continue to operate without capacity limits as long as social distancing requirements, telework policies, or staggered work schedules are maintained to the greatest extent possible.
- Non-critical office-based businesses are permitted to operate at 50 percent capacity without a total person capacity limit while maintaining social distancing.
- Any business or activity that was not authorized to open in Safer at Home is authorized to operate in a county or region certified for the Protect Our Neighbors phase.
- Businesses must continue to operate in accordance with CDPHE's [public health guidance](#).

Additional guidance on the Protect Our Neighbors Order and Public Health Order 20-32 can be found here:

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/protect-our-neighbors>

**Mask requirement.** On April 17, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-039](#), which directs CDPHE to issue a public health order requiring that workers in critical businesses and critical government functions where workers interact in close proximity with other employees or with

the public to wear facemasks and gloves, if gloves are provided to the workers by their employer. Individuals whose health would be inhibited by wearing a facemask are exempt from the order. The order was originally scheduled to remain in effect for 30 days; however, on May 16, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-067](#), which extends the effective date of the order for an additional 30 days. In response to the order, CDPHE issued [Public Health Order 20-26](#).<sup>5</sup> On June 4, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-092](#) which amends previous provisions related to mask requirements by allowing employers, operators, and designated staff of places of public accommodation to deny admittance or service and require the removal of an individual who fails or refuses to wear a medical or non-medical face covering at their discretion. The order was set to expire after 30 days; however, on June 20, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-110](#), which extended the order an additional 30 days.

On June 20, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-110](#), which directs the Executive Director of CDPHE to issue a public health order requiring that employees, contractors, and others providing services for mass transportation operations and critical businesses where employees or contractors interact in close proximity with other employees or with the public do the following:

- wear medical or non-medical cloth face coverings while working that cover their nose and mouth unless doing so would inhibit that individual's health; and
- wear industry approved standard gloves when in physical contact with customers or goods if gloves are provided to workers by their employer.

The order also directs government offices and facilities to protect employees and members of the public that they serve by requiring all employees and members of the public who interact in close proximity with other individuals in an office or facility to wear medical or non-medical face coverings, unless doing so would inhibit an individual's health or where physical identification verification functions would be altered by wearing a mask. Employers and operators of places of public accommodation, mass transit operations, and critical businesses, are permitted to deny admittance and require the removal of an individual who fails or refuses to wear a mask. The order clarifies that employees or members of the public may wear a surgical-grade mask or other more protective face covering, as long as the mask is appropriate under industry standards. The order is set to expire after 30 days. On June 30, 2020, [Public Health Order 20-31](#) was issued pursuant to Executive Order 2020-110 and is set to expire on July 20, 2020.

On July 16, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-138](#), which requires all individuals in Colorado to wear a non-medical face covering in public indoor spaces or while waiting or using transportation services such as the light rail, ride sharing, or similar service. Owners, operators, or managers of public indoor spaces must post a sign instructing individuals of the face covering requirement and may only provide services to individuals who enter the space wearing a face covering. If a state or local agency discovers that a business licensee is in violation of this order, the business's license may be temporarily suspended. Individuals who endanger the health of others by knowingly entering an indoor public space without a face covering may be subject to criminal penalties. The order is set to expire 30 days from July 16, 2020.

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<sup>5</sup>A prior version of Public Health Order 20-26 was issued on April 22, 2020 ([here](#)).

The order exempts the following individuals from the face covering requirement:

- individuals who are ten years old and younger;
- individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering;
- individuals who are hearing impaired and rely on seeing the mouth for communication;
- individuals who are seated at a food service establishment;
- individuals who are exercising alone or with a member of the same household;
- individuals who are receiving a personal service and must remove the face covering for the service to be performed;
- individuals who need to temporarily remove the face covering for identification purposes;
- individuals such as law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel who are actively engaging in a public safety situation;
- individuals who are officiating a religious service; or
- individuals who are giving a speech for an audience or public broadcast.

In response to Executive Order D 2020-138, CDPHE extended [Public Health Order 20-31](#) on July 21, 2020.<sup>6</sup> The order is set to expire on August 15, 2020.

## Taxes

**Extension of income tax payment deadlines.** On March 20, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-010](#), which suspends the normal 2019 income tax payment deadline and 2020 estimated tax deadline of April 15, 2020. The order directs DOR to establish emergency rules allowing individuals and businesses to make any 2019 income tax payments or 2020 estimated tax payments due by July 15, 2020. The order also directs DOR to coordinate with local governments that choose to extend tax payment deadlines for property and sales and use taxes.

The order was originally set to remain in effect through April 20, 2020; however, [Executive Order D 2020-040](#), signed on April 18, 2020, amended the original order to align with Internal Revenue Service guidance and extended it until May 18, 2020. [Executive Order D 2020-069](#), signed on May 17, 2020, extended the order until June 17, 2020. On June 15, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-105](#), further extending the order 30 days from June 16, 2020.

**Suspension of certain taxable property deadlines.** On April 2, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-022](#), which suspends calendar year 2020 taxpayer filing deadlines requirements for certain taxable property and directs DOLA to issue emergency rules to extend filing deadlines. The order covers deadlines related to tax filings for business personal property, taxable

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<sup>6</sup>A prior version of Public Health Order 20-31 was issued on June 30, 2020 ([here](#)).

natural resource property, and taxable oil and gas property. It also suspends 2020 calendar year deadlines related to the property valuation schedule for covered taxable property to accommodate the filing deadline extension. The order was originally scheduled to expire on May 2, 2020; however, Governor Polis extended the expiration date twice: [Executive Order D 2020-055](#), which Governor Polis signed on May 2, 2020, and [Executive Order D 2020-089](#), which Governor Polis signed on May 30, 2020, each extended the order for an additional 30 days. On June 28, 2020 Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-121](#) which removes the temporary suspension of calendar year 2020 deadlines in state statute related to certain taxable property. The order is set to expire 30 days after June 28, 2020.

**Extension for filling and remitting sales tax.** On April 5, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-023](#), which extends the April 20, 2020, filing and remittance deadline for state and state-administered local sales taxes to May 20, 2020. It also directs DOR to waive penalties and interest that would accrue during the month. Notably, however, a retailer that does not file a return and remit payment by April 20, 2020, is not permitted to retain moneys typically allowed under state law to cover the retailer's expense in collecting and remitting tax, or any similar vendor fees typically allowed to be retained for state-administered sales tax. The order was originally scheduled to expire 30 days after issuance; however, on May 4, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-057](#), which extends the original executive order through May 20, 2020. Executive Order D 2020-057 does not further extend any additional deadlines.

**Extension for filling and remitting severance tax.** Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-033](#) on April 9, 2020, in order to suspend and extend the filing and remittance deadline for severance tax returns and declarations, and payments of estimated tax from April 15, 2020, to May 15, 2020. The order also suspends and extends by one month the deadline for molybdenum ore severance tax reporting. The order directs DOR to issue emergency rules to implement the order. The order was originally scheduled to expire 30 days after issuance; however, on May 8, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-059](#), which extended the order until May 15, 2020.

## Elections

On March 16, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-005](#) directing the state political parties and Secretary of State to amend rules regarding in-person gatherings to allow the 2020 primary election to proceed without interruption. Specifically, Executive Order D 2020-005:

- incorporates by reference the measures taken by the General Assembly in [House Bill 20-1359](#), allowing Colorado's major political parties to amend certain rules and procedures governing the conduct of their assemblies and conventions;
- directs the Secretary of State to set deadlines by which the state parties must file a certified copy of any amended rules and bylaws;
- directs the major parties to make changes to their rules to comply with restrictions that may arise due to the declared disaster emergency, including but not limited to, changes to proxy or quorum requirements and allowing the changes to party rules to be done outside the existing political party rules process;

- suspends all requirements for public meetings or in-person transactions under Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, which concerns the conduct of elections, and the related rules in 8 CCR 1505-1 and 1505-3;
- directs the Secretary of State to issue emergency rules allowing all eligible voters to participate in the June 30, 2020, election in a manner that complies with any emergency order issued under Executive Order D 2020-003, any related subsequent order, or any guidance issued by CDPHE; and suspends notarization and handwritten signature requirements for nominations and selection of primary candidates and for the filling of vacancies in the General Assembly or on boards of county commissioners, and allows the Secretary of State to issue emergency rules to accept these filings electronically.

Executive Order D 2020-005 explicitly does not waive the requirement in Section 1-5-203 (1) (a), C.R.S., requiring names for placement on a ballot to be submitted to the Secretary of State no later than 60 days prior to an election.

On March 18, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-008](#) amending Executive Order D 2020-005 to limit in-person contact concerning elections and the Secretary of State's operations. Specifically, the Executive Order D 2020-008:

- allows the suspension of in-person filings requirements for filings related to campaign finance, corporations, and other filings made to the Secretary of State, and allows the Secretary of State to issue emergency rules to accept these filings electronically or by other means;
- allows the Secretary of State to suspend the issuance of certificates or apostilles to the Secretary of State that attest to the authenticity of a notarial act performed by a commissioned notary public and allows the Secretary of State to issue emergency rules to accept these filings electronically or by other means as determined by the Secretary of State;
- suspends requirements related to Title Board meetings and directs the Secretary of State to issue guidance outlining how Title Board hearings will be conducted during the declared disaster emergency, and directs the Secretary of State to issue emergency rules concerning the process and timing for the Secretary of State's delivery of initiative titles;
- suspends requirements concerning the physical delivery and return of ballots to group residential facilities and directs county clerks and designated election officials to register voters and deliver ballots to group residential facilities by mail, electronically, or by other means that do not require physical entry to the facility, and directs the Secretary of State to issue emergency rules, as needed, to accomplish this directive; and
- suspends requirements that county canvass boards meet in person, directs county clerks and designated election officials to convene canvass board meetings through available remote technologies, and directs the Secretary of State to issue emergency rules to accomplish this directive.

Originally, Executive Order D 2020-005 and Executive Order D 2020-008 were scheduled to remain in effect for 30 days. On April 14, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-036](#) extending



Executive Order D 2020-005 and Executive Order D 2020-008 for an additional 30 days. [Executive Order D 2020-061](#), which was issued on May 14, 2020, further extended the previous orders for another 30 days. [Executive Order D 2020-095](#), which was issued on June 11, 2020, extended the previous orders for an additional 30 days. On July 10, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-129](#), further extending and amending the previous orders. The amendments deleted the initial directives in Executive Order D 2020 005. Executive Order D 2020-129 is in effect for 30 days from July 10, 2020.

On May 8, 2020, the Secretary of State issued emergency rules for elections. Specifically, new Rule 27 provides guidance for conducting elections during a public health emergency. The rules issued on May 8, 2020, which were updated on May 21, 2020, can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2WujTUw>. On May 30, 2020, the Secretary of State issued new Rule 15.9 concerning the circulation of petitions via mail or email, which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2yW0LWk>.

**Signature collection for unaffiliated and independent candidates.** On April 30, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-053](#), ordering the temporary suspension of certain regulatory statutes concerning petition gathering for unaffiliated and independent candidates for office. Executive Order D 2020-053 temporarily suspends Section 1-4-802 (1)(d)(I) and (1)(f)(I), C.R.S., which establish the time period during which unaffiliated and independent candidates may circulate petitions to allow them to appear on the general election ballot. Executive Order D 2020-053 also directs the Secretary of State to issue emergency rules concerning unaffiliated and independent candidates attempting to petition onto the 2020 general election ballot. Specifically, Executive Order D 2020-053 says the emergency rules must allow candidates to begin circulating petitions no later than June 1, 2020, and extend the deadline for filing those signed petitions with the Secretary of State to no later than July 27, 2020. Prior to Executive Order D 2020-053, unaffiliated and independent candidates could begin circulating petitions 173 days before the general election. For the 2020 election cycle, this date would have been May 14, 2020, and the deadline for submitting signed petitions to the Secretary of State was July 9, 2020. The order was originally scheduled to expire 30 days from April 30, 2020; however, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-085](#) on May 29, 2020, extending the order for an additional 30 days. On June 27, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-119](#), extending Executive Orders 2020-053 and 2020-085 for an additional 30 days.

On May 15, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-064](#) ordering the temporary suspension of certain statutes concerning signature collection for unaffiliated and independent candidates. Executive Order D 2020 064 also authorizes the Secretary of State to create temporary rules for registered electors to receive and return candidate petitions over mail and email. Specifically, Executive Order D 2020-064 temporarily suspends the following provisions of law:

- Section 1-4-901, C.R.S., designating the format of petitions for unaffiliated and independent candidates filed with the Secretary of State's Office;
- Section 1-4-905 (2)(a), C.R.S., requiring that a circulator for unaffiliated or independent candidates must provide an affidavit stating that the circular was in the presence of the person who signed the petition and that the affidavit is signed in the physical presence of a notary public for petitions filed with the Secretary of State;
- Section 1-4-905.5 (2)(c)(V), C.R.S., requiring the Secretary of State to revoke a petition entity's license if the notarization of a circulator affidavit, filed with the Secretary of State, occurs outside the physical presence of the circulator;



- Section 1-4-905 (3), C.R.S., requiring the Secretary of State to reject any section of an unaffiliated or independent candidate petition filed with the Secretary of State's Office that does not have a notarized circulator affidavit attached; and
- Section 1-4-908 (1.5) and (3), C.R.S., requiring the Secretary of State to compare signatures on an unaffiliated or independent candidate petition with signatures found in the statewide voter registration database and requiring the Secretary of State to provide notification of sufficiency or insufficiency no later than 96 days before the general election.

Executive Order D 2020-064 directs CDPHE to work with the Secretary of State to develop guidelines to be issued by the Secretary of State that allow for safe circulation of petitions in-person following state public health orders and state and local social distancing guidelines. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue temporary emergency rules that allow campaigns for unaffiliated and independent candidates who are required to file petitions with the Secretary of State to continue collecting signatures in a way that protects public health. The ability to collect petitions for unaffiliated and independent candidates is limited to candidates and their third party designees. The temporary emergency rules must include, but not limited to, rules that:

- authorize registered electors to sign petitions by a means that does not require a petition circulator, including but not limited to providing electronic mail and mail-in options;
- establish a process by which a candidate would receive petitions from the Secretary of State, including how to transmit petitions, receive signed petitions from registered electors by regular mail, receive signed and scanned petitions by electronic mail, transcribe the information from the completed forms, submit completed information, validate the signed petitions received, and any other process that the Secretary of State needs in order to collect signatures for unaffiliated and independent candidates including the process to cure a petition;
- establish a process for notarization of petition affidavits attesting to the validity of petition signatures, which may include, but is not limited to the procedures established by the Secretary of State's Office under Executive Order D 2020 019.
- require affidavits attached to petitions to be signed by the circulator who received the petition from the registered electors;
- establish a form and requirement for an affidavit;
- require all circulators, candidates, and designated representatives provide registered electors with information about the candidate that would ordinarily be printed on the signature petition;
- ensure that registered electors are able to feasibly complete the process from their homes; and
- prevent fraud and abuse.

Executive Order D 2020-064 does not relieve circulators, candidates, or designated representatives collecting signatures for a candidate of the burden to ensure that the signatures on the petitions are valid to the best of their knowledge. Executive Order D 2020-064 does not change the requirements that registered electors must provide their signature, their name, their address, and the date of signing as prescribed by Section 1-4-904 (3), C.R.S., and it does not extend the cure period for candidates that have already submitted signatures to the Secretary of State for a sufficiency review.

Executive Order D 2020-064 was scheduled to expire 30 days from May 15, 2020; however, on June 13, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-102](#) extending Executive Order D 2020-064 for 30 days from June 13, 2020. On July 12, 2020, Governor Polis issued

[Executive Order D 2020-135](#) extending Executive Order D 2020-064 and Executive Order D 2020-102 for an additional 30 days.

**Signature collection for ballot issues.** On May 15, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-065](#) ordering the temporary suspension of certain statutes concerning signature collection for ballot issues. Executive Order D 2020-065 authorizes the Secretary of State to create temporary rules for registered electors to receive and return issue petitions over mail and email. Specifically, Executive Order D 2020-065 temporarily suspends the following provisions of law:

- Sections 1-40-102 (6), 1-40-105.5 (4), 1-40-110, and 1-40-113, C.R.S., governing the form of a ballot issue, how a ballot issue petition must be compiled, and the specific information that must be printed on the ballot issue petition;
- Section 1-40-108 (1), C.R.S., requiring a ballot issue petition must be filed with the Secretary of State within 6 months from the date that the titles and submissions clause have been fixed and determined provided however that all ballot issue petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State at least three months before the general election at which they are to be voted on;
- Section 1-40-111, C.R.S., requiring that a petition circulator be in the physical presence of the registered electors signing the petition, that the petition circulator be in the physical presence of a notary, and that the Secretary of State reject any section of a petition that does not have a notarized circulator affidavit attached;
- Section 1-40-135 (2)(c)(VI), C.R.S., requiring the Secretary of State to revoke a petition entity's license if the entity authorizes or knowingly permits a notary public's notarization of a petition section outside the presence of the circulator;
- Section 1-40-116, C.R.S., requiring a circulator's affidavit be attached to each section of the ballot issue petition and that the Secretary of state assure that the information required by Section 1-40-111 (2), C.R.S., is complete, but the Secretary of State is not prohibited from verifying the validity of signatures on a petition as required by Section 1-40-116, C.R.S., including by conducting a random sample and, if necessary, a line by line review of signatures as required by Section 1-40-116 (4), C.R.S.;
- Sections 1-40-130 (1)(k), C.R.S., which makes it unlawful for a petition to be signed outside the presence of a circulator;
- Section 1-40-130 (1)(e), C.R.S., but only to the extent that it requires an affidavit to a ballot petition be signed in the physical presence of the person certifying the affidavit; and
- Section 1-40-130 (1)(l), C.R.S., which makes it unlawful for any person to circulate in whole or in part a petition section, unless the person is the circulator who signs the affidavit attached to the petition section.

Executive Order D 2020-065 directs CDPHE to work with the Secretary of State to develop guidelines to be issued by the Secretary of State that allow for safe circulation of petitions in-person following state public health orders and state and local social distancing guidelines. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue temporary emergency rules that allow campaigns for ballot issues that have titles set or pending before the Colorado Supreme Court as of May 15, 2020, to continue collecting signatures in a way that protects public health consistent with constitutional requirements. The ability to collect petitions for ballot issues is limited to proponents and their third party designees. The temporary emergency rules must include, but not limited to, rules that:

- authorize registered electors to sign petitions by a means that does not require a petition circulator, including but not limited to providing electronic mail and mail-in options;
- establish a process by which proponents of ballot measures would receive petitions from the Secretary of State, including how to transmit petitions, receive signed and scanned petitions by electronic mail, transcribe the information from the completed forms, submit completed information, validate the signed petitions received, and any other process that the Secretary of State needs for ballot measures including the process to cure a petition;
- require all circulators, proponents, and designated representatives for ballot issues to provide registered electors with information about the ballot issue that would ordinarily be printed on the signature petition;
- establish a process for notarization of petition affidavits attesting to the validity of petition signatures, which may include, but is not limited to the procedures established by the Secretary of State's Office under Executive Order D 2020-019;
- require affidavits attached to petitions to be signed by the circulator who received the petition from the register electors;
- establish a form and requirement for an affidavit;
- ensure that registered electors are able to feasibly complete the process from their homes; and
- prevent fraud and abuse.

Executive Order D 2020-065 does not relieve circulators or designated representatives collecting signatures for a ballot issue of the burden to ensure that the signatures on the petitions are valid to the best of their knowledge. Executive Order D 2020-065 does not change the requirements that registered electors must provide their signature, their name, their address, and the date of signing under Section 1-40-111 (1), C.R.S. It does not suspend the other provisions of Section 1-40-130, C.R.S., which define the unlawful signature gathering actions and their penalties, except where Executive Order D 2020-065 has expressly done so. Executive Order D 2020-065 does not extend the cure period for a ballot measure that has already submitted signatures to the Secretary of State for a sufficiency review. Executive Order D 2020-065 was scheduled to expire 30 days from May 15, 2020; however, on June 13, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-103](#) extending Executive Order D 2020-065 for 30 days from June 13, 2020.

On July 1, 2020, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that the Governor did not have the authority to issue Executive Order D 2020-065. The Court determined that the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act does not authorize the Governor to suspend a constitutional requirement. Thus, the Governor cannot, by executive order, create an exception to the requirement specified in Article V, Section I, of the Colorado Constitution that signatures on petitions to place initiatives on the ballot be collected in person (*Ritchie v. Polis*, 20SC453).

On July 10, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-128](#) amending and extending Executive Orders D 2020-065 and D 2020-103 in light of the Colorado Supreme Court's decision in *Ritchie v. Polis*. Executive Order D 2020-128 amends Executive Order D 2020 065, as extended by Executive Order D 2020-103, by deleting Sections II.A and II.C through II.K. Section II.B. of Executive Order D 2020-065, which temporarily suspends Section 1-40-108 (1), C.R.S., was extended for an additional 30 days. Section 1-40-108 (1), C.R.S., requires a ballot issue petition to be filed with the Secretary of State within 6 months from the date that the titles and submissions clause have been fixed and determined provided that all ballot issue petitions are filed with the Secretary of State at least three months before the general election at which they are to be voted on.

## Education and Child Care

**Suspension of normal in-person instruction at all public and private elementary and secondary schools.** On March 18, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-007](#), which suspends in-person instruction for all public, and private elementary and secondary schools, the Charter School Institute (CSI), and preschools on public campuses. Approved facility schools (residential schools) and staff who have been deemed as essential by the appropriate school official are excluded from the order.

The order deems school closures as necessary because children are often carriers of COVID-19, increasing the risk of disease to school staff that are older or may have certain underlying conditions. The order outlines the strategies that will be employed to ensure that many facets of the education system are supported. The Commissioner of CDE and CSI are directed to support school systems and students during the closures by offering guidance as schools develop plans for alternative learning, which includes online learning. CDE must also offer flexibility and waivers for changes to a normal academic instructional time and ensure that low-cost or free school meals are provided to students as required by the National School Lunch Act. To allow school districts to focus on developing alternative learning opportunities, the order suspends state assessment requirements for subject areas including English, mathematics, social studies, and science for the 2019-2020 school year. The order also removes the requirement for CDE to determine the level of attainment for each school, district and CSI for fall 2020. As a result, the State Board of Education is permitted to assign school districts and CSI the same attainment category from the 2019-2020 school year.

In regard to school facilities and daycare centers, the order does the following: encourages preschool through grade 12 (P-12) school districts and CSI to identify school buildings that can be used for alternative learning, emergency sheltering, food distribution, and child care; requires CDHS to work with CDE and CSI to identify licensed child care facilities to provide child care assistance for essential workers such as medical personnel; allows CDHS to waive certain child care regulations in order to increase the supply of child care for essential workers as long as it does not pose a public health risk. The order also directs local public health agencies to work with P-12 child care providers and preschools not operated by P-12 schools to determine whether it is safe to continue operations. If a student, parent, or staff member affiliated with the child care facility tests positive for COVID-19, the facility must close for no less than 72 hours. CDHS is permitted to reimburse counties that pay providers through the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) using additional federal Child Care Development Funds for eight weeks from when the order was signed. Counties are encouraged to continue to fund CCCAP for centers experiencing closures or low attendance.

On April 1, 2020, Governor Polis signed [Executive Order D 2020-021](#), which extended the original executive order until April 30, 2020. In addition to extending school closures, the order suspends employment performance evaluations for school districts, charter schools, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services licensed personnel such as teachers and school administrators to enable schools to focus on providing alternative learning opportunities for students. Additionally, the order directs all school districts, schools, and CSI to cancel school co-curricular and extracurricular activities, including athletics. The order also temporarily suspends the requirement for approved facility schools or a state program to report the number of full-time equivalent students served to CDE.

In regard to local education funding, the order temporarily suspends the statutory provision that prohibits districts from carrying over up to 15 percent of unspent per pupil intervention funding from one budget year to the next. This direction will allow districts to carry over unspent intervention funds from the 2019-2020 budget year to the 2020-2021 budget year without penalty.

Information about education finance changes can be found here:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/schoolfinancecovid19qa>

**Promote the provision of emergency child care for essential workers and to temporarily suspend certain statutes to enable schools to focus on student services.** On April 14, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-035](#), which makes amendments and extends the order for an additional 30 days. To protect children, parents, and child care providers, the order amends guidelines for child care providers and preschools. The order requires child care facilities to work with local public health agencies if there is a positive or suspected case of COVID-19 in a student, care provider, or person affiliated with the facility. The facility must work with the local public health agency to determine if the location should close per the guidelines published by CDPHE. All closures must remain in effect for 24 hours or more.

To support the state's essential workforce with child care services, CDHS created the Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborative (Collaborative). To support the Collaborative, the order allows CDHS to access additional federal Child Care Development Block Grant funds for eight weeks starting on March 23, 2020. The order also temporarily waives child care licensing fees for child care providers who are offering emergency child care through the Collaborative in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The order temporarily suspends a variety of statutory provisions to allow schools to focus on providing student services and academic instruction by allowing the State Board of Education to temporarily waive requirements in statute or rule. The order also temporarily suspends the Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development Act (Colorado READ Act) assessment and data reporting requirements that are normally submitted to CDE each spring. The order encourages schools to use the guidelines listed in the READ Act plans to support students identified as having a reading deficiency as a strategy for developing their alternative learning plans. All sight and hearing tests have also been temporarily suspended due to school closures. The order encourages schools, school districts, and the CSI to generate a plan for conducting in-person student screenings once permitted by public health orders.

At-home learning resources, updated test schedules, and FAQs for schools, teachers, and parents during school closures can be found in the following locations:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/publications/resources-pertaining-k-12-education-response-covid-19>  
<https://leg.colorado.gov/publications/high-school-and-college-placement-and-entrance-examination-delays>

**Suspend Normal In-Person Instruction at All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in the State of Colorado Until the End of the School Year.** On April 22, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-041](#), extending school closures until the end of the scheduled 2019-2020 regular school year for all students and employees of P-12 schools. Emergency personnel



deemed necessary by the appropriate school official are excluded from the order. The order encourages the Commissioner of CDE to issue guidance to schools that are considering summer school and other school-sanctioned activities outside of the normal school year. The order also emphasizes that schools and school districts are still allowed to use school buildings to provide services to students, educators and families for activities such as group instruction, professional development, food service, or mental health assistance. Schools and school districts must work with their local public health agency to ensure that they are following the appropriate public health orders when providing these services.

On May 21, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-074](#), which extends Executive Orders D 2020-007, D 2020-021, D 2020-035, and D 2020-041 for an additional 30 days.

**Safer at home order.** As part of the safer at home order issued by Governor Polis on April 26, 2020 ([Executive Order D 2020-044](#)), CDHE is directed to work with CDPHE to identify those programs and courses at postsecondary institutions that cannot be taught remotely and require limited in-person instruction. It also allows P-12 schools and school districts to use school buildings to provide services to students, educators, and families, including in-person small group instruction; staff professional development; food service; access to internet, devices, or instructional materials; special education services; or mental health supports. These schools must work with their local public health agency and observe social distancing requirements.

**Access Federal Funds for Child Care Services.** On June 27, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-120](#), which directs CDHS to employ the following actions with the remaining Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF):

- reimburse open and operating child care programs through the CCCAP for increased child absences caused by COVID-19;
- use CCDF funds to support fees for subsidized child care as families recover from financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 related economic recession;
- fund early childhood mental health consultants across the state to support child care providers and families as children transition back to into learning environments;
- encourage community mental health organizations and early childhood councils to work with mental health consultants to effectively respond to children whose health and well-being has been affected by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- establish and administer sustainability grants to support licensed child care providers to remain open or reopen to allow the state's workforce to return to work.

The order also directs CDHS and CDE to coordinate with local communities, including school districts and the CSI, to maximize the use of public and private spaces for child care and summer day camps. In addition, the order requires local public health agencies to work with child care providers and preschools to determine whether it is safe to continue operations if there is a positive or suspected case of COVID-19 connected to an individual affiliated with the facility. If a facility is deemed a public



health risk, the facility or affected portion must close for at least 24 hours and implement protocol for responding to COVID-19 as established by CDPHE. The order is set to expire after 30 days.

## Health Care

**Cessation and reinstatement of elective and non-essential surgeries.** On March 19, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-009](#), which directs medical facilities to cease all elective and non-essential surgeries from March 23, 2020, until April 14, 2020. The cessation of elective procedures is to preserve personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care personnel, and hospital supplies such as ventilators, respirators, and anesthesia machines for patients who become critically ill from COVID-19. An elective procedure is one that can be delayed for a minimum of three months without undue risk to the current or future health of the patient, as determined by the medical provider. There are a number of conditions in the order under which surgeries may proceed, for example if there is a risk to the patient's life or a risk of dysfunction to an extremity or organ system if the surgery is not performed. The hospital or surgery center shall establish guidelines to designate procedures as elective or non-essential under the guidelines. [Executive Order D 2020-027](#) extends Executive Order D 2020-009 and the cessation on elective and non-essential surgeries until April 26, 2020. Rural and critical access hospital are strongly advised to follow these guidance in these orders, but are not mandated to do so.

On April 26, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-045](#), which permits voluntary or elective surgeries to begin again under certain conditions. Medical, dental, and veterinary facilities that wish to begin elective procedures must follow certain requirements including the following: having a plan to stop elective procedures if there is a surge in COVID-19 infections in the county or municipality where the facility is located; ceasing elective procedures if providing them results in the facility having to resort to hospital crisis standards of care; and maximizing telehealth and virtual office visits as much as possible. The Executive Order also directs CDPHE to issue a Public Health Order consistent with the directives in the Executive Order which addresses protocols and criteria for facilities, as well as outlines recommended best practices. The order was originally scheduled to expire 30 days from April 27, 2020; however, on May 26, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-080](#), which extended the order for an additional 30 days. In response to this executive order, CDPHE issued [Public Health Order 20-29](#) with the priorities, requirements, and criteria facilities must follow if they are restarting voluntary or elective procedures.<sup>7</sup> On June 24, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-114](#), which extended provisions related to voluntary or elected surgeries an additional 30 days. On July 23, 2020, Governor Polis released [Executive Order D 2020-145](#), which extends the provisions listed above another 30 days from July 23, 2020.

**Suspension of certain statutes to expand telehealth.** On April 1, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-020](#), which temporarily suspends certain statutes to expand the use of telehealth services. Telehealth enables long-distance health care and health services to occur with the use of technology, including telephones, internet, audio-only and video connections between providers and patients. The order suspends statutes addressing the definition of telehealth and exclusions from the definition of telehealth. The order also suspends statutes with the following: the requirement that services and carrier reimbursements provided through telehealth be subject to the

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<sup>7</sup>Prior versions of Public Health Order 20-29 were issued on April 27, 2020 ([here](#)), and May 5, 2020 ([here](#)).

terms of the health benefit plan; the provision that health benefit plans are not required to pay for a consultation provided by a provider unless the technology used is Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant; the requirement that psychologists, marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, professional counselors, or addiction counselors residing or licensed in another state not practice more than 20 days per year in Colorado; and requirements establishing what constitutes a veterinarian-client patient relationship. The order directs DORA to promulgate rules requiring health insurance carriers to permit providers to deliver services via telehealth, and expand the definition of telehealth during the COVID-19 outbreak. The order was originally set to expire 30 days from April 1, 2020; however the order was extended for 30 days by [Executive Order D 2020-046](#), issued by Governor Polis on April 30, 2020, and an additional 30 days by [Executive Order D 2020-082](#), issued by Governor Polis on May 29, 2020. On June 27, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-116](#), which further extends the order 30 days.

**Suspension of certain statutes to expand the health care workforce.** On April 15, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-038](#). The order does the following: directs DORA to permit certain licensed professionals to cross-train, supervise, and delegate responsibilities concerning the treatment of patients to other professionals, for which statutes concerning the regulatory scope of practice are suspended; suspends tasks which can be delegated to anesthesiologist assistants and instructs DORA to allow anesthesiologist assistants to perform airway management for COVID-19 patients; instructs DORA to permit certain licensed professionals to cross-train, supervise, and delegate responsibility to medical assistants and volunteer nursing students enrolled in the last semester of their program to treat patients. The order also suspends statutes and rules related to the following: certain requirements for the completion of nursing students' studies; requirements for national certification or designated population focus for advanced practice nurses involved in patient care; prohibitions on the length of employment for nurse aide students; the rulemaking authority of various boards; and pharmacy board rules which could limit hospital pharmacies' ability to meet the needs of the expanding patient population. The order directs DORA to promulgate and issue temporary emergency rules for the following: the suspension of specific boards, the temporary certification of nurse aides, and rules allowing physicians and physicians assistants to care for COVID-19 patients if appropriate regardless of specialty or scope of practice. The order was originally scheduled to expire 30 days from April 15, 2020; however, on May 14, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-063](#), which extended the expiration date for an additional 30 days. On June 12, 2020, [Executive Order D 2020-097](#) extended the order for 30 more days; however, on July 11, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-131](#), which extends the order an additional 30 days. More information about the actions taken by DORA in response to the order can be found here:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CODORA/bulletins/286e1c8>

**Hospital data reporting.** On April 21, 2020, CDPHE issued [Public Health Order 20-27](#) concerning the reporting of data from hospitals about confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19. The order directs all hospitals to report the numbers of both suspected (pending laboratory test) and confirmed (positive laboratory test) COVID-19 cases, their race and ethnicity, and their status, including whether they are hospitalized, using a ventilator, in the emergency room waiting for a bed, discharged and in recovery, or deceased. Hospitals shall report on their medical equipment and supply information, including the total bed and intensive care unit capacity and occupancy, ventilator availability and usage, and availability of N95 masks. Hospitals shall also report lab testing information, including

the number of tests ordered and performed, as well as the number of positive and negative test results. Hospitals are required to report this information daily. The order is in effect until May 31, 2020. On June 2, 2020, CDPHE issued [Public Health Order 20-30](#). This order contains the same provisions as Public Health Order 20-27, but also requires hospitals to provide CDPHE remote access to electronic medical records in order to expedite disease investigation processes. This order is in effect until August 20, 2020.

**Suspension of statutes and increasing funding to nursing facilities.** On April 30, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-054](#). This order suspends the statute that establishes the mechanism for determining the amount of supplemental payments for Medicaid-certified nursing facilities, and directs the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to issue temporary emergency rules to increase supplemental payments from HCPF to these facilities. The order also suspends the statutes that establish the reimbursement rate under Medicaid for intermediate care facilities, and directs HCPF to increase supplemental funds to these facilities. The funds must be used by the facilities to provide services which result in better care for residents during the COVID-19 emergency. The order was originally scheduled to expire 30 days from April 30, 2020; however, on May 29, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-086](#), which extends the order for an additional 30 days.

**Permitting CDPHE to reallocate existing funds.** On May 16, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-066](#). This order authorizes CDPHE to redirect state fund balances on certain contracts between CDPHE and local public health agencies to the COVID-19 response. Local public health agencies acting as contractors for certain programs may be permitted to use state contract funds for fiscal year 2019-2020 for COVID-19 response. Funds can also be used to reimburse local public health agencies for expenses already incurred during the COVID-19 response. The contracted programs from which funds can be reallocated are: communities that care program, family planning program, tuberculosis treatment and control, and the Colorado immunization fund. CDPHE is also authorized to redirect up to \$100,000 in state funding from the marijuana prevention and education campaign to fund research which can provide COVID-19 recommendations and education to minority and disadvantaged communities. The order expires 30 days from May 16, 2020.

**Suspension of statutes related to Medicaid eligibility and Children's Basic Health Plan.** On May 16, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-068](#). This order is to ensure compliance with the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act which offers states participating in Medicaid a 6.2 percent increase in the federal government's share of Medicaid expenditures. The order suspends statutes related to the collection of information for Medicaid eligibility, statutes which address establishing coverage group requirements and require premium payments for the Medicaid buy in programs, and the statutes which require disenrollment from the Children's Basic Health Plan associated with the annual income verification. The order also suspends statutes which require disenrollment of the following groups from Medicaid: anyone who reaches age 65; women enrolled in Medicaid for pregnancy 60 days following the postpartum period; former foster children; and one year old children who were deemed Medicaid eligible at birth. The order directs HCPF to delay the collection of annual enrollment fees for the Children's Basic Health Plan enrollees. The order was set to expire 30 days from May 16, 2020; however, [Executive Order D 2020-104](#) extended the order for 30 days from June 14, 2020, the day it was signed. On July 12, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-136](#), which extends provisions related to Medicaid eligibility and the Children's Basic Health Plan an additional 30 days.

**Suspension of statutes to allow the operation of alternative care sites.** On May 20, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-071](#). In the event COVID-19 overwhelms hospital resources, alternative care sites (ACS) can increase the hospitals' capacity to provide care. This order directs the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) to create ACS at the Colorado Convention Center and The Ranch Larimer County Fairgrounds and enter into necessary contracts to do so. The order suspends requirements for health facility licensing by CDPHE for the ACS. The order directs DHSEM to enter into a contract with Denver Health Hospital Authority and UHealth to provide health care services at an ACS, and provides immunity from civil or criminal liability for action taken to comply with this order. The order also permits the ACS pharmacy operations to receive prescription drugs from a pharmaceutical manufacturer or wholesaler. The order was set to expire 30 days from May 20, 2020. On June 18, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-107](#), which extends the effective date of these provisions for an additional 30 days.

On July 14, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-137](#), which directs DHSEM to create additional ACSs to provide healthcare services to patients recovering from COVID-19 at St. Anthony North Health Campus, St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center and the Western Slope Memory Center, while resuming ACS services at the Colorado Convention Center and The Ranch in Larimer County. The order also directs Denver Health Hospital Authority to provide healthcare services to operate the Colorado Convention Center ACS, UHealth to provide services at The Ranch ACS, and Veritas Management Group, LLC to provide services at the remaining sites. The order is set to expire 30 days from July 14, 2020.

**Suspension of statutes to increase Medicaid home health workforce and eliminate cost sharing for COVID-19 testing and treatment for Medicaid enrollees.** On May 22, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-077](#). This order suspends the statutes that do the following: require in-person aide supervision by a nurse of a family member providing care services; prohibit designees from receiving reimbursement for managing the financial matters associated with the eligible person's care; define attendant and define authorized representative and prohibit an eligible person's service provider from being their authorized representative; define direct and indirect health care services; and require copayments or cost sharing for COVID-19 testing, vaccines, specialized equipment, and therapies. This order was set to expire 30 days from May 22, 2020; however, on June 20, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-108](#), which extended these provisions an additional 30 days from June 20, 2020. These provisions were extended by [Executive Order D 2020-139](#), which is set to expire 30 days from July 19, 2020.

## **Criminal Justice**

**Correctional facilities.** Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-016](#) on March 25, 2020, in response to concerns about COVID-19 in state prisons and community corrections facilities.

The order outlines ways in which to reduce and more easily manage the inmate population. DOC is temporarily relieved of receiving new intakes from county jails. The order also provides mechanisms to facilitate the release of inmates, including increasing inmate earned time credits and opening up special needs parole to a wider array of inmates. Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate eligibility requirements are also lifted under the order, and the DOC has been authorized to release inmates who are within 180 days of their parole eligibility date. The order further allows the Centennial Correctional Facility-South prison, which has been previously vacant, to house mixed custody levels

of inmates for quarantine, intake, and other operational purposes related to the public health emergency.

In regard to community corrections facilities, the \$17 daily subsistence fee required from community corrections clients is suspended by the order. To make up for the loss in fees, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is granted budgetary flexibility to purchase hygiene products and other necessities related to food, rent, and staffing in the facilities.

On April 23, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-043](#), which extends Executive Order D 2020 016, explained above, for 30 days. This order also temporarily suspends additional criminal justice-related statutes regarding intensive supervision and community corrections. Specifically, it allows the DOC to develop placement criteria for intensive supervision programs that allows for the participation of nonparoled offenders. Community corrections administrators on the local level are also granted the discretion to make time credit deduction awards to offenders in an effort to safely reduce the state's incarcerated population.

Approximately 30 days later on May 22, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-078](#), which amends and extends the previous two executive orders, referenced above. To assist the DOC in managing its intake process to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the order extends provisions that allow for the refusal of county jail transfers. It also continues to allow the DOC to use CSP-II for housing inmates of mixed classification. All other provisions in Executive Orders D 2020-016 and D 2020-043 are ended by this order.

On June 20, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-112](#), which extended the provisions listed above for 30 days from June 20, 2020; however, these provisions were extended an additional 30 days through [Executive Order D 2020-140](#), signed by Governor Polis on July 19, 2020.

**Juvenile justice.** On April 11, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-034](#), which suspends certain regulatory statutes concerning juvenile justice, regional centers, and behavioral health facilities. The order authorizes CDHS to assess whether a juvenile may be released to parole and temporarily suspends the Juvenile Parole Board's authority, except in aggravated or violent juvenile offender cases. The CDHS is also instructed by the order to develop new admission criteria for detention facilities, and seclusion policies are suspended in cases where medical isolation and quarantine is necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Mental health facilities are authorized to temporarily suspend certain patient rights, including those relating to in-person visitors and clothing. The order also encourages facilities to provide virtual communication methods between juveniles and visitors, attorneys, clergy, and physicians. The order is to remain in effect for 30 days.

On May 10, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-060](#), which extends and amends Executive Order D 2020-034, explained above. This order also temporarily suspends another statute regarding detained youth in county jails. Colorado law allows youth, either those who are 18 years of age but still under the jurisdiction of juvenile court or those prosecuted as adults, to be detained in county jails while on pretrial status. The order lifts this requirement and instructs the Division of Youth Services to instead take appropriate action with this population in youth detention facilities.

[Executive Order D 2020-094](#), issued by Governor Polis on June 8, 2020, extends and amends the juvenile justice-related orders, described above. The provisions regarding visitation and safety protocols are extended, but the provision regarding the Juvenile Parole Board expires and in effect



reinstates the board's authority to grant, deny, or defer parole to juvenile offenders. The order also deletes the requirement that DHS has to identify criteria that would justify acceptance of a juvenile into a detention facility during the pandemic from an outside facility. These provisions were extended an additional 30 days through [Executive Order D 2020-126](#), signed by Governor Polis on July 9, 2020. The order also made a technical, conforming amendment to the section regarding detained youth in county jails.

## Emergency Disaster Funds

Section 24-33.5-706, C.R.S., establishes the Disaster Emergency Fund to ensure that funds to meet disaster emergencies are always available. The Governor may make money from the Disaster Emergency Fund available if the Governor finds that the demands placed upon the money regularly appropriated to state and local agencies in coping with a particular disaster are unreasonably great. The law also allows the Governor to transfer and expend money appropriated for other purposes if money available in the Disaster Emergency Fund is insufficient.

**COVID-19 response efforts.** On March 11, 2020, in the Executive Order originally declaring a disaster emergency ([Executive Order D 2020-003](#)), Governor Polis ordered that \$4.0 million from the Disaster Emergency Fund be spent on response activities related to COVID-19.

On March 26, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-018](#), which increases the amount from the Disaster Emergency Fund that can be spent on response activities related to COVID-19 to \$18.0 million.

On April 8, 2020, in the Executive Order extending the declared disaster emergency ([Executive Order D 2020-032](#)), Governor Polis orders that \$23.0 million be transferred from the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund to the Disaster Emergency Fund due to the current balance in the Disaster Emergency Fund being insufficient. The order also increases the amount from the Disaster Emergency Fund that can be spent on response activities related to COVID-19 to \$68.0 million.

On May 7, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-058](#), which extends the declared disaster emergency, also increases the amount from the Disaster Emergency Fund that can be spent on response activities related to COVID-19 to a total of \$88.0 million.

On May 18, 2020, as part of [Executive Order D 2020-070](#), which allocates the funds the state received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund pursuant to the U.S. CARES Act, Governor Polis directs \$48.0 million for FY 2019-20 and \$157.0 million for FY 2020-21 to the Disaster Emergency Fund to respond directly to the COVID-19 emergency.

On May 22, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-072](#), which directs the transfer of \$763,000 from the Disaster Emergency Fund to the Wildfire Emergency Response Fund to support firefighting operations that have been strained due to challenges caused by COVID-19. The order also directs that \$2.0 million from the Disaster Emergency Fund be used to pay for additional wildfire aviation resources, with the priority of purchasing an Exclusive Use Large Air Tanker for the state.

On May 22, 2020, Governor Polis released [Executive Order D 2020-076](#), which extends the declared disaster emergency and increases the amount from the Disaster Emergency Fund that can be spent on



response activities related to COVID-19 to a total of \$105.5 million. Of this amount, it is specified that \$17.5 million is to come from the Coronavirus Relief Fund sub-account and that \$17.0 million is to be used by CDPHE for response activities related to COVID-19.

On June 20, 2020, Governor Polis released [Executive Order D 2020-109](#), which extends the declared disaster emergency and removes \$124.8 million from the Disaster Emergency Fund for response activities related to COVID-19.

On July 6, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order 2020-125](#), which directs \$226.0 million from the Disaster Emergency Fund to be used to respond directly to the COVID-19 emergency. Of this amount, it is specified that \$138.0 million must come from the Coronavirus Relief Fund sub-account and that \$112.2 million must be used by CDPHE and \$23.2 million by DPS for response activities related to COVID-19. The order also directs \$905 to be used by the Governor's Office of Information Technology and \$1.7 million by the Department of Agriculture for response activities pertaining to COVID-19. These funds must remain available for expenses accrued due to COVID-19 response activities from March 1, 2020, to December 30, 2020.

**Rental and mortgage assistance.** On March 20, 2020, [Executive Order D 2020-012](#) makes \$3.0 million from the Disaster Emergency Fund available to DOLA in order to provide short-term rental and mortgage assistance to low-income households facing financial hardship due to economic disruption associated with COVID-19. The Executive Order specifies that those who had continuous prior work history and lost employment related to current or future public health orders should receive priority.

On June 13, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-099](#), which requires the \$3.0 million allocated to DOLA from the Disaster Emergency Fund in [Executive Order D 2020-012](#), to continue to be available to provide short-term rental and mortgage assistance to low and moderate income households that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. DOLA is directed to work with statewide partners including non-profit and local governments to implement the distribution of temporary rental and mortgage assistance. Moderate income households are defined as households at or below 80 percent of area median income. The funds must remain available for six months from May 18, 2020, the issue date of Executive Order 2020-070.

**Unemployment benefit services.** [Executive Order D 2020-012](#) also makes \$1.0 million available to CDLE to improve and expedite services available to individuals applying for unemployment insurance benefits.

## Other

**Miscellaneous statutory provisions.** In addition to the provisions related to alcohol and marijuana sales discussed on page 3, [Executive Order D 2020-011](#), which was signed on March 20, 2020, also temporarily suspends:

- the statutory requirement for an appropriate personal physical examination for the issuance of medical marijuana cards; and

- the statutory prohibition on vehicles weighing more than 80,000 pounds from traveling on any highway or bridge that is part of the interstate system, to temporarily allow for vehicles weighing 80,001 pounds to 84,999 pounds, to ensure the delivery of emergency goods and services to their destination in a safe and efficient manner.

Executive Order D 2020-011 was scheduled to expire on April 18, 2020, but was extended until April 30, 2020, by [Executive Order D 2020-029](#), which was signed by Governor Polis on April 6, 2020. In addition to extending the temporary suspension of the above statutory provisions, Executive Order D 2020-029 also temporarily suspends additional statutory provisions to allow:

- individuals under the age of 21 and over the age of 65 to renew their driver's license electronically;
- for the electronic renewal of identification cards;
- lottery prize winners who fail to claim a prize during the 180-day period additional time to claim the prize;
- each decision and initial decision made by an agency in an adjudication to be provided by electronic mail instead of by personal service or first-class mail;
- applicants to receive a concealed handgun permit without appearing in person under certain circumstances;
- the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) additional time to complete duties related to fingerprint-based background checks;
- the CBI additional time to render a final administrative decision regarding the denial of a firearm transfer after receiving information from the transferee that alleges the transfer was improperly denied;
- individuals required to register as a sex offender to register without sitting for a current photograph or supplying a set of fingerprints to law enforcement and provide local law enforcement agencies with discretion to determine the manner of registration in light of social distancing requirements;
- motor carriers providing larger-market taxicab services to have fewer than the required number of vehicles in their fleet; and
- licensed veterinarians to donate or sell to the State of Colorado or any licensed healthcare facility in Colorado any currently unneeded prescription drugs that the licensed veterinarian has on hand in his or her practice.

[Executive Order D 2020-052](#), which was issued by Governor Polis on April 30, 2020, extends the effective date of all of the provisions outlined in Executive Order D 2020-011 and Executive Order D 2020-029 for an additional 30 days. The order was again extended for an additional 30 days in [Executive Order D 2020-084](#), which Governor Polis signed on May 29, 2020. However, Executive Order D 2020-084 removes the following from the provisions of the order being extended:

- allowing lottery prize winners who fail to claim a prize during the 180-day period additional time to claim the prize;
- allowing applicants to receive a concealed handgun permit without appearing in person under certain circumstances; and
- allowing the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) additional time to complete duties related to fingerprint-based background checks.

On June 5, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-093](#), which extends the provisions of Executive Order D 2020-084 until June 27, 2020.

**Providing individual and small business relief.** On March 20, 2020, Governor Polis signed [Executive Order D 2020-012](#), related to limiting evictions, foreclosures, and public utility disconnections, and improving and expediting unemployment insurance claim processing. The original order was scheduled to remain in effect for 30 days; however, on April 6, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-031](#), which made several technical amendments to the original order and extended the effective date of the order until April 30, 2020. On April 30, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-051](#), which amended the prior two orders and extended the effective date of the order for an additional 30 days. The order was again amended and extended for an additional 15 days by [Executive Order D 2020-088](#), which Governor Polis issued on May 29, 2020.

*Evictions and foreclosures.* The order directs the executive directors of the DOLA, CDLE, DORA, and the Colorado Department of Public Safety to take several actions in an attempt to limit evictions and foreclosures in the state, including:

- to work with property owners and landlords to identify any lawful measure to avoid removing or executing eviction procedures against tenants or mobile home owners without cause or as a result of late or nonpayment of rent or minor tenancy violations and to provide exemptions from fees or penalties for the late payment or nonpayment of rent;
- to work with all sheriffs, mayors, and other local leaders to take similar formal actions with their law enforcement agencies to suspend residential eviction activity in the state, unless such actions are necessary to protect public health and safety;
- to provide short-term rental and mortgage assistance to low-income households (defined as households below 50 percent of area median income) facing financial hardship due to economic disruption associated with COVID-19 (Executive Order D 2020-088 expands this to enable DOLA to provide short-term rental and mortgage assistance to moderate-income households, defined as households at or below 80 percent of area median income);
- to work with financial institutions to identify practices and policies to combat the threat of residential and commercial foreclosures and displacement to individuals and small businesses, in addition to encouraging financial institutions to halt foreclosures and related evictions due to a substantial decrease in household and business income due to the impacts of COVID-19; and
- to encourage financial institutions to provide a 90-day deferment of payment for all consumer loans, including residential and commercial mortgages, refinances, auto loans, student loans, and small business loans for customers and businesses that have been economically impacted by COVID-19.

The order also directs and authorizes county clerks and recorders and public trustees to take specific actions related to refinancing and foreclosure processes and authorizes county treasurers to suspend or waive delinquent interest that may accrue as a result of delinquent property tax payments.

In addition to extending to effective date of the order, Executive Order D 2020-051 adds the following prohibitions:

- no individual shall file or initiate actions for forcible entry and detainer (i.e., eviction) involving a premises based on a tenant's default of any contractual obligation imposed by a rental agreement;
- no individual shall remove or exclude a tenant from a premises or enter a premises to remove or exclude personal property of a tenant from the premises, including pursuant to a writ of restitution authorizing restoration of a plaintiff to possession of residential premises; and
- no individual shall execute or enforce a writ of restitution, possession judgment, or order requiring a tenant to surrender or vacate residential premises.

Executive Order D 2020-088 clarifies that these situations only apply if the tenant is experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. The order defines this as an individual or household that has suffered a loss of income or is unable to work as a direct or indirect result of COVID-19 and does not have the financial resources to make rental payments without leaving them unable to make necessary purchases of goods and services, such as food. Tenants must provide proof to their landlords of their financial hardship.

The order specifies that these limitations do not apply to circumstances where a tenant poses an imminent and serious threat to another individual or causes significant damage to property. The order also prohibits landlords and lenders from charging any late fees or penalties for any breach of the terms of a lease or rental agreement due to nonpayment. However, the order specifies that nothing in the order relieves any party of the duty to comply with any contractual obligations imposed on parties by a lease, rental agreement, or mortgage, or relieves an individual from the obligation to make mortgage or rent payments. The order further directs all landlords of rental properties to notify tenants in writing of federal protections against eviction and foreclosures at each property, including those outlined in the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Finally, the order directs the executive directors of DOLA, CDLE, and DORA to work with property owners and landlords to create model repayment agreements that allow tenants additional time to repay rent.

Executive Order D 2020-088 also:

- strongly encourages municipalities and local jurisdictions that place limits on the number of unrelated persons who can live in a single household or that prohibit group or boarding houses to suspend or eliminate those restrictions to enable homeowners to rent or give a room or rooms to those in need of house; and
- strongly encourages municipalities and local jurisdictions that place limits on the number of days hotel rooms may be occupied to suspend or eliminate those restrictions.

*Limits on evictions.* On June 13, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-101](#), which temporarily suspends certain state eviction statutes. Under the order, landlords must provide tenants with 30 days' notice instead of a previous 10 day notice requirement of a default for nonpayment before initiating or filing for forcible entry of property. The 30-day notice can extend past the expiration date of this order. The order also directs the Executive Director of DOLA to coordinate

with landlords to implement rent repayment agreements created by the department to assist with tenants who are unable to pay rent because they are facing financial hardship due to COVID-19. Landlords and lenders are prohibited from charging late fees or penalties for any breach of the terms of a lease or rental agreement due to any nonpayment that may have occurred from May 1, 2020 until June 13, 2020. The order clarifies that the provisions of the order do not relieve individuals from their obligation to make mortgage or rent payments. The order expires 30 days from June 13, 2020.

On July 12, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-134](#), which amends previous provisions related to limits on evictions by specifying that landlords must provide tenants with 30 days' notice of any default for nonpayment of rent that occurred on or after March 10, 2020 before filing action for forcible entry. Tenants have a one-time opportunity to resolve any default for nonpayment that occurred on or after March 10, 2020 during this 30 day period. The order also encourages municipalities to suspend any limits on the number unrelated individuals who can live in a single household or prohibit group boarding houses to allow for more housing options. Municipalities are also encouraged to remove limits on the number of days hotel rooms may be occupied.

*Public utility disconnections.* The order directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to work with all public utilities in the state to suspend service disconnections for delayed or missed payments, waive reconnection fees, and suspend accrual of late payment fees for residential and small business consumers related to the impacts of COVID-19. The PUC and public utilities are also directed to develop and provide payment assistance programs to aid customers in the payment of their utility bills. The order also directs the Colorado Energy Office to provide recommendations to the Governor based on working with providers, trade associations, and consumers of propane heating to evaluate impacts related to COVID-19.

*Unemployment insurance claim processing.* The final component of the order directs fund from the Disaster Emergency Fund to be made available to CDLE to improve and expedite services available to individuals applying for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits so workers begin receiving UI payments within ten days of filing their completed application. The order also temporarily suspends several statutory provisions, including:

- that there be a one-week waiting period before receiving UI benefits;
- the UI benefit recipients actively seek work;
- that UI benefits be charged to employer experience rating accounts; and
- required notification of interested parties before UI benefit payment decisions are made.

On June 13, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-100](#), which orders that \$1.0 million from the Disaster Emergency Fund allocated to CDLE in [Executive Order D 2020 012](#), continue to be available to improve and expedite services offered to individuals applying for unemployment insurance. These funds must remain available for six months from March 20, 2020, the release date of Executive Order D 2020 012. The order was scheduled to expire 30 days from June 13, 2020; however, on July 12, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-133](#), which extends provisions related to expediting unemployment insurance claim processing for an additional 30 days.

**Extension of expiration dates.** On March 25, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-015](#), which authorized the Executive Directors of certain state agencies to promulgate emergency rules



extending the expiration date of over 100 different licenses, permits, registrations, designations, certifications, passes, authorizations, and endorsements, unless the renewal process may be completed online. The order originally applied to those documents that expire within 30 days of March 25; however, [Executive Order D 2020-042](#), which was signed by Governor Polis on April 23, 2020, extended this for 30 additional days. On May 22, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-075](#), which makes several amendments to the original order, including removing commercial driver's licenses; provisional licenses for family child care homes, foster care homes, or child care centers; and probationary licenses for child care centers, preschools, children resident camps, family child care homes, neighborhood youth organizations, and school-age child care centers from the list of expiration dates that have been extended under the order. The expiration date of this order was extended for an additional 30 days; however, on June 20, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-111](#), which sets the order to expire 30 days from June 20, 2020. On July 19, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-141](#), which extends the provisions listed above an additional 30 days.

**Marriage licenses.** On March 26, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-014](#), which temporarily suspends several statutes that prevented the issuance of marriage licenses when county clerk and recorder officers are closed due to COVID-19. The order allows and encourages county clerks and recorders to accept completed marriage license applications, fees, proof of the marriage license applicants' legal age, and proof that the marriage is not prohibited by mail, fax, or online, instead of in person. The order also temporarily suspends the requirement that marriage licenses may only be issued during prescribed office hours and are only valid for 35 days after issuance. The order was originally set to expire 30 days from March 26, but was extended to expire on April 30, 2020, by [Executive Order D 2020-028](#), signed on April 6, 2020, extended for an additional 30 days by [Executive Order D 2020-048](#), which was signed on April 30, 2020, and extended for an additional 30 days by [Executive Order D 2020-083](#), which was signed on May 29, 2020. On June 27, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-117](#), which extends provisions related to marriage licenses an additional 30 days.

**Notary services.** On March 27, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-019](#) temporarily suspending the personal appearance requirements for notarization, except for any notarial act required by Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Executive Order D 2020-019 authorizes the Secretary of State to issue temporary emergency rules authorizing notarial officers to perform notarizations by having a person appear before a notarial officer remotely through real-time audio-video communication. The Secretary of State is authorized to establish the standards and processes necessary to allow remote notarizations, including rules regarding authentication, verification of identity, and audio-video recording. The emergency rules outlining the procedures and requirements for remote notarization can be found through the following link: <https://bit.ly/2z91a7x>. Executive Order D 2020-019 does not affect existing private contracts that may require in-person document notarization, but it also does not preclude the parties to the contracts from waiving or modifying provision related to in-person notarization. Executive Order D 2020-019 was scheduled to remain in effect for 30 days; however, the order was extended by the following executive orders:

- [Executive Order D 2020-030](#), which was issued on April 6, 2020, extended the order until April 30, 2020;



- [Executive Order D 2020-047](#), which was issued on April 30, 2020, extended the order for an additional 30 days; and
- [Executive Order D 2020-087](#), which was issued on May 29, 2020, extended the order for an additional 30 days.

**Open fire bans.** On April 15, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-037](#), which temporarily suspends the statutory provision that only allows boards of county commissioners to ban open fires to a degree and in a manner deemed necessary to reduce the danger of wildfires within those portions of the unincorporated areas of the county where the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high based on competent evidence. The order gives boards of county commissioners broader discretion and more flexibility to implement restrictions on open burning to decrease the risk of wildfires. The order was originally scheduled to expire 30 days from April 15; however, on May 14, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-062](#), which extended the order for an additional 30 days. On June 12, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-096](#), which extended provisions related to fire bans another 30 days. [Executive Order D 2020-130](#), issued on July 11, 2020, extends provisions involving fire bans an additional 30 days from July 11, 2020.

**Food trucks at rest stops.** On May 2, 2020, Governor Polis signed [Executive Order D 2020-056](#). The order temporarily suspends the statutory prohibition on most commercial enterprises and activities at highway rest areas and directs the Colorado Department of Transportation to issue temporary permits to allow commercial food trucks to operate in Colorado's rest areas and commercial trucking refueling areas. The stated purpose of this change is to support truckers and commercial vehicle activity. The order was scheduled to expire 30 days from May 2; however, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-090](#) on May 31, 2020, which extended the order for an additional 30 days. On June 29, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-122](#), which extends provisions related to food trucks an additional 30 days.

**Relief for public utility customers.** On June 12, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-098](#), which temporarily provides state support and relief to public utility customers to mitigate, respond to, and recover from economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The order directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to work with all public utility providers to waive reconnection fees and suspend any accrued late payment fees for residential customers and small business owners. A public utility is defined as an investor owned, municipal, or cooperative entity providing electric, gas, or water service within the state.

The order directs the PUC to coordinate with public utilities to provide payment assistance for utility bills to customers, particularly customers who qualify for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), who have been impacted by COVID-19 and to provide guidance to providers on prioritizing the payment assistance. The order also requires the Colorado Energy Office to work with trade associations for propane heating across the state to raise awareness of the LEAP and encourage providers to develop payment plans for customers who cannot afford to refill their propane tanks.

Information on the LEAP can be found here:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/leap>

On July 11, 2020, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020-132](#), which extends provisions related to providing relief for public utility customers an additional 30 days.

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<b>Number</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Executive Orders</b>		
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-003</u></a>	3/11/2020	Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-004</u></a>	3/14/2020	Ordering Closure of Downhill Ski Resorts Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-005</u></a>	3/16/2020	Directing State Parties and Secretary of State to Amend Rules Regarding In-Person Gatherings to allow the 2020 Primary Election to Proceed without Interruption, in light of the Disaster Declaration set forth in Executive Order D 2020-003
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-006</u></a>	3/18/2020	Amending Executive Order D 2020 004 Ordering Closure of Downhill Ski Areas Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado, in Light of the Disaster Declaration Set Forth in Executive Order D 2020-003.
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-007</u></a>	3/18/2020	Ordering Suspension of Normal In-Person Interaction at All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in the State of Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-008</u></a>	3/18/2020	Amending Executive Order D 2020 005 to Limit In-Person Contact Concerning Elections and the Secretary of State's Operations, in light of the Disaster Declaration set forth in Executive Order D 2020 003
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-009</u></a>	3/19/2020	Ordering the Temporary Cessation of All Elective and Non-Essential Surgeries and Procedures and Preserving Personal Protective Equipment and Ventilators in Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-010</u></a>	3/20/2020	Ordering the Suspension of Statute to Extend the Income Tax Payment Deadlines Due to the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-011</u></a>	3/20/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-012</u></a>	3/20/2020	Order Limiting Evictions, Foreclosures, and Public Utility Disconnections and Expediting Unemployment Insurance Claim Processing to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-013</u></a>	3/22/2020	Ordering Colorado Employers To Reduce In-Person Workforce by 50 Percent Due to the Presence of COVID-19 In the State
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-014</u></a>	3/26/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Requirements Preventing Issuance of Marriage Licenses due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-015</u></a>	3/25/2020	Authorizing the Executive Directors of Certain State Agencies to Promulgate and Issue Emergency Rules Extending the Expiration Date of Licenses and Other Documents Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-016</u></a>	3/25/2020	Temporarily Suspending Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Criminal Justice
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-017</u></a>	3/25/2020	Ordering Coloradans to Stay at Home Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-018</u></a>	3/26/2020	Amending Executive Order D 2020-003 to Provide Additional Funds for Response Activities Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-019</u></a>	3/27/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of the Personal Appearance Requirement for Notarization due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-020</u></a>	4/1/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Expand the Use of Telehealth Services Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-021</u></a>	4/1/2020	Amending Executive Order D 2020-007 to Extend the Suspension of Normal In- Person Instruction at All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in the State of Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-022</u></a>	4/2/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes Concerning Taxpayer Filing Requirements for Certain Taxable Property due to the Presence of COVID-19

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<b>Executive Orders (Cont.)</b>		
<a href="#">D 2020-023</a>	4/5/2020	Ordering a One-Month Extension for Filing and Remitting State and State-Administered Local Sales Tax Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-024</a>	4/6/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020-017 Ordering Coloradans to Stay at Home Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-025</a>	4/6/2020	Rescinding Executive Order D 2020-013 Concerning Colorado Employers Reducing In-Person Workforce by Fifty Percent Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State
<a href="#">D 2020-026</a>	4/6/2020	Amending Executive Orders D 2020-004 and D 2020-006 to Extend the Closure of Downhill Ski Areas Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-027</a>	4/6/2020	Amending Executive Order D 2020-009 to Extend the Temporary Cessation of All Elective and Non-Essential Surgeries and Procedures and Preserving Personal Protective Equipment and Ventilators in Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-028</a>	4/6/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-014 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Requirements Preventing Issuance of Marriage Licenses Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-029</a>	4/6/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020-011 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-030</a>	4/6/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-019 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of the Personal Appearance Requirement for Notarization due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-031</a>	4/6/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020-012 Limiting Evictions, Foreclosures, and Public Utility Disconnections and Expediting Unemployment Insurance Claim Processing to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-032</a>	4/8/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020-003 Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-033</a>	4/8/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Provide a One-Month Extension for Filing and Remitting State Severance Tax Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-034</a>	4/11/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Juvenile Justice, Regional Centers, and Behavioral Health Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-035</a>	4/14/2020	Amending Executive Orders D 2020-007 and D 2020-021 to Promote the Provision of Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers and to Temporarily Suspend Certain Statutes to Enable Schools to Focus on Student Services During the COVID-19 Outbreak
<a href="#">D 2020-036</a>	4/14/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-005 Concerning Limiting In-Person Contact for the 2020 Elections and the Secretary of State's Operations Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-037</a>	4/15/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Statute Concerning Bans on Open Burning Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-038</a>	4/15/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes and Rules to Expand the Healthcare Workforce for Hospitals and Other Inpatient Treatment Facilities Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-039</a>	4/17/2020	Ordering Workers in Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings
<a href="#">D 2020-040</a>	4/18/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020-010 Concerning the Suspension of Statute to Extend the Income Tax Payment Deadlines Due to the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency

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<b>Executive Orders (Cont.)</b>		
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-041</u></a>	4/22/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020-007, D 2020-021, and D 2020-035 to Suspend Normal In-Person Instruction at All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in the State of Colorado Until the End of the School Year Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-042</u></a>	4/23/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-015 Authorizing the Executive Directors of Certain State Agencies to Promulgate and Issue Emergency Rules Extending the Expiration Date of Licenses and Other Documents Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-043</u></a>	4/23/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020-016 Temporarily Suspending Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Criminal Justice
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-044</u></a>	4/26/2020	Safer at Home
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-045</u></a>	4/26/2020	Permitting the Limited Resumption of Voluntary or Elective Surgeries and Procedures in Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-046</u></a>	4/30/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-020 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Expand the Use of Telehealth Services Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-047</u></a>	4/30/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020-019 and D 2020-030 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of the Personal Appearance Requirement for Notarization due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-048</u></a>	4/30/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020-014 and D 2020-028 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Requirements Preventing Issuance of Marriage Licenses Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-049</u></a>	4/30/2020	Amending Executive Orders D 2020-004, D 2020-006, and D 2020-026 to Extend the Closure of Downhill Ski Areas Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-050</u></a>	4/30/2020	Declaring Insufficient Revenues Available for Expenditures and Ordering Suspension or Discontinuation of Portions of Certain State Programs and Services to Meet a Revenue Shortfall Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-051</u></a>	4/30/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020-012 and D 2020-031 Limiting Evictions, Foreclosures, and Public Utility Disconnections and Expediting Unemployment Insurance Claim Processing to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-052</u></a>	4/30/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020-011 and D 2020-029 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-053</u></a>	4/30/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Petition Gathering for Unaffiliated and Independent Candidates for Office Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-054</u></a>	4/30/2020	Ordering the Suspension of Certain Statutes and Directing the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to Provide Additional Funds to Nursing Homes and Other Congregate Care Facilities Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-055</u></a>	5/1/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-022 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes Concerning Taxpayer Filing Requirements for Certain Taxable Property due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-056</u></a>	5/2/2020	Ordering the Suspension of a Relevant Statute to Allow Food Trucks to Operate at Colorado's Rest Areas to Support the Movement of Commercial Vehicle Activities Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-057</u></a>	5/4/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-023 Ordering a One-Month Extension for Filing and Remitting State and State-Administered Local Sales Tax Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado

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<b>Executive Orders (Cont.)</b>		
<a href="#">D 2020-058</a>	5/7/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020-003, D 2020-018, and D 2020-032 Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-059</a>	5/8/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-033 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Provide a One-Month Extension for Filing and Remitting State Severance Tax Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-060</a>	5/10/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020-034 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Juvenile Justice, Regional Centers, and Behavioral Health Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-061</a>	5/14/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-005, D 2020-008, and D 2020-036 Concerning Limiting In-Person Contact for the 2020 Elections and the Secretary of State's Operations Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-062</a>	5/14/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-037 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Statute Concerning Bans on Open Burning Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-063</a>	5/14/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-038 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes and Rules to Expand the Healthcare Workforce for Hospitals and Other Inpatient Treatment Facilities Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-064</a>	5/15/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Signature Collection for Unaffiliated and Independent Candidates and Authorizing the Secretary of State to Create Temporary Rules for Registered Electors To Receive and Return Candidate Petitions Over Mail and Email Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-065</a>	5/15/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Signature Collection for Ballot Issues and Authorizing the Secretary of State to Create Temporary Rules for Registered Electors To Receive and Return Issue Petitions Over Mail and Email Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-066</a>	5/16/2020	Authorizing the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to Reallocate Existing Funds from Contracts with Local Public Health Agencies Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-067</a>	5/16/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-039 Ordering Workers in Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings
<a href="#">D 2020-068</a>	5/16/2020	Temporarily Suspending Statutes to Maintain Eligibility for Medicaid and Children's Basic Health Plan Enrollees
<a href="#">D 2020-069</a>	5/17/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020-010 and D 2020-040 Concerning the Suspension of Statute to Extend the Income Tax Payment Deadlines Due to the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency
<a href="#">D 2020-070</a>	5/18/2020	Directing the Expenditure of Federal Funds Pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020
<a href="#">D 2020-071</a>	5/20/2020	Temporarily Suspending Certain Statutes to Allow the Operation of Alternate Care Sites in Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-072</a>	5/21/2020	Ordering the Transfer of Funds from the Disaster Emergency Fund to the Wildfire Emergency Response Fund to Fund Firefighting Operations and Encumbering Funds in the Disaster Emergency Fund for Additional Wildfire Aviation Resources
* <a href="#">D 2020-073</a> related to emergency funding for wildfires in the state		
<a href="#">D 2020-074</a>	5/21/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020-007, D 2020-021, D 2020-035, and D 2020-041 Concerning Suspension of Normal In-Person Instruction at All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in the State of Colorado Until the End of the School Year Due to the Presence of COVID-19



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<b>Executive Orders (Cont.)</b>		
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-075</u></a>	5/22/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020-015 and D 2020-042 Authorizing the Executive Directors of Certain State Agencies to Promulgate and Issue Emergency Rules Extending the Expiration Date of Licenses and Other Documents Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-076</u></a>	5/22/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020-003, D 2020-018, D 2020-032, and D 2020-058 Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-077</u></a>	5/22/2020	Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Increase the Medicaid Home Health Workforce and Eliminate Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Testing and Treatment for Medicaid Enrollees
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-078</u></a>	5/22/2020	Amending and Extending Portions of Executive Orders D 2020-016 and D 2020-043 Temporarily Suspending Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Criminal Justice
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-079</u></a>	5/25/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020-044 Safer at Home
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-080</u></a>	5/26/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-045 Permitting the Limited Recommencement of Voluntary or Elective Surgeries and Procedures in Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-081</u></a>	5/28/2020	Amending Executive Order D 2020-070 Directing the Expenditure of Federal Funds Pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-082</u></a>	5/29/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020-020 and D 2020-046 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Expand the Use of Telehealth Services Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-083</u></a>	5/29/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020-014, D 2020-028, and D 2020-048 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Requirements Preventing Issuance of Marriage Licenses Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-084</u></a>	5/29/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020-011, D 2020-029, and D 2020-052 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-085</u></a>	5/29/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-053 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Petition Gathering for Unaffiliated and Independent Candidates for Office Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-086</u></a>	5/29/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-054 Ordering The Suspension of Certain Statutes and Directing the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to Provide Additional Funds to Nursing Homes and Other Congregate Care Facilities Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-087</u></a>	5/29/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-019, D 2020-030, and D 2020-047 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of the Personal Appearance Requirement for Notarization due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-088</u></a>	5/29/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020-012, D 2020-031, and D 2020-051 Limiting Evictions, Foreclosures, and Public Utility Disconnections and Expediting Unemployment Insurance Claim Processing to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-089</u></a>	5/30/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020-022 and D 2020-055 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes Concerning Taxpayer Filing Requirements for Certain Taxable Property due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-090</u></a>	5/31/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020-056 Ordering the Suspension of a Relevant Statute to Allow Food Trucks to Operate at Colorado's Rest Areas to Support the Movement of Commercial Vehicle Activities Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#"><u>D 2020-091</u></a>	6/1/2020	Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors



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Number	Date Issued	Title
<b>Executive Orders (Cont.)</b>		
<a href="#">D 2020-092</a>	6/4/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 039 and D 2020 067 Ordering Workers in Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings
<a href="#">D 2020-093</a>	6/5/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 011, D 2020 029, D 2020 052, and D 2020 084 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-094</a>	6/8/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 034 and D 2020 060 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Juvenile Justice, Regional Centers, and Behavioral Health Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-095</a>	6/11/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 005, D 2020 008, D 2020 036, and D 2020 061 Concerning Limiting In-Person Contact for the 2020 Elections and the Secretary of State's Operations Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-096</a>	6/12/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 037 and D 2020 062 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Statute Concerning Bans on Open Burning Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-097</a>	6/12/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 038 and D 2020 063 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes and Rules to Expand the Healthcare Workforce for Hospitals and Other Inpatient Treatment Facilities Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-098</a>	6/12/2020	Providing Relief to Public Utility Customers affected by COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-099</a>	6/13/2020	Providing Housing Assistance and Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-100</a>	6/13/2020	Ordering Expedited Unemployment Insurance Claim Processing to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-101</a>	6/13/2020	Ordering the Temporary Limiting of Certain Evictions to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-102</a>	6/13/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020 064 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Signature Collection for Unaffiliated and Independent Candidates and Authorizing the Secretary of State to Create Temporary Rules for Registered Electors To Receive and Return Candidate Petitions Over Mail and Email Due to the Presence of COVID19
<a href="#">D 2020-103</a>	6/13/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020 065 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Signature Collection for Ballot Issues and Authorizing the Secretary of State to Create Temporary Rules for Registered Electors To Receive and Return Issue Petitions Over Mail and Email Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-104</a>	6/14/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020 068 Temporarily Suspending Statutes to Maintain Eligibility for Medicaid and Children's Basic Health Plan Enrollees
<a href="#">D 2020-105</a>	6/15/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 010, D 2020 040, and D 2020 069 Concerning the Suspension of Statute to Extend the Income Tax Payment Deadlines Due to the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency
<a href="#">*D 2020-106</a>		Activating the Colorado National Guard to Assist with Election Cybersecurity Defense Efforts
<a href="#">D 2020-107</a>	6/18/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020 071 Concerning the Suspension of Statutes to Allow the Operation of Alternate Care Sites in Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-108</a>	6/20/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020 077 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Increase the Medicaid Home Health Workforce and Eliminate Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Testing and Treatment for Medicaid Enrollees
<a href="#">D 2020-109</a>	6/20/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 003, D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, and D 2020 076 Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado

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Number	Date Issued	Title
<b>Executive Orders (Cont.)</b>		
<a href="#">D 2020-110</a>	6/20/2020	Amending, Restating, and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 039, D 2020 067, and D 2020 092 Ordering Certain Workers to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings
<a href="#">D 2020-111</a>	6/20/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 015, D 2020 042, and D 2020 075 Authorizing the Executive Directors of Certain State Agencies to Promulgate and Issue Emergency Rules Extending the Expiration Date of Licenses and Other Documents Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-112</a>	6/20/2020	Extending Portions of Executive Orders D 2020 016, D 2020 043, and D 2020 078 Temporarily Suspending Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Criminal Justice
<a href="#">D 2020-113</a>	6/23/2020	Rescinding Executive Order D 2020 050 Declaring Insufficient Revenues Available for Expenditures and Ordering Suspension or Discontinuation of Portions of Certain State Programs and Services to Meet a Revenue Shortfall Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-114</a>	6/24/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 045 and D 2020 080 Permitting the Limited Recommencement of Voluntary or Elective Surgeries and Procedures in Colorado
* <a href="#">D 2020-115</a> Designating State's Prosecutor		
<a href="#">D 2020-116</a>	6/27/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 020, D 2020 046, and D 2020 082 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Expand the Use of Telehealth Services Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-117</a>	6/27/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 014, D 2020 028, D 2020 048, and D 2020 083 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Requirements Preventing Issuance of Marriage Licenses Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-118</a>	6/27/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 011, D 2020 029, D 2020 052, D 2020 084, and D 2020 093 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-119</a>	6/27/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 053 and D 2020 085 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Petition Gathering for Unaffiliated and Independent Candidates for Office Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-120</a>	6/27/2020	Directing the Colorado Department of Human Services to Access Federal Funds for Child Care Services Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-121</a>	6/29/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 022, D 2020 055, and D 2020 089 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes Concerning Taxpayer Filing Requirements for Certain Taxable Property due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-122</a>	6/29/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 056 and D 2020 090 Ordering the Suspension of a Relevant Statute to Allow Food Trucks to Operate at Colorado's Rest Areas to Support the Movement of Commercial Vehicle Activities Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-123</a>	6/30/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 091 Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors
* <a href="#">D 2020-124</a> Related to Authorizing Employment of the Colorado National Guard to Assist with Protecting Municipal and State Buildings in Denver		
<a href="#">D 2020-125</a>	7/6/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 003, D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, and D 2020 109 Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-126</a>	7/8/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 034, D 2020 060, and D 2020 094 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Juvenile Justice, Regional Centers, and Behavioral Health Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-127</a>	7/9/2020	Protect Our Neighbors

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Number	Date Issued	Title
<b>Executive Orders (Cont.)</b>		
<a href="#">D 2020-128</a>	7/10/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 065 and D 2020 103 in Light of the Colorado Supreme Court's Decision in Ritchie v. Polis
<a href="#">D 2020-129</a>	7/10/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 005, D 2020 008, D 2020 036, D 2020 061, and D 2020 095 Concerning Limiting In-Person Contact for the 2020 Elections and the Secretary of State's Operations Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado
<a href="#">D 2020-130</a>	7/11/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 037, D 2020 062, and D 2020 096 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Statute Concerning Bans on Open Burning Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-131</a>	7/11/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 038, D 2020 063, and D 2020 097 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes and Rules to Expand the Healthcare Workforce for Hospitals and Other Inpatient Treatment Facilities Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-132</a>	7/11/2020	Extending Executive Order D 2020 098 Providing Relief to Public Utility Customers affected by COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-133</a>	7/12/2020	Extending Executive Order Ordering Expedited Unemployment Insurance Claim Processing to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-134</a>	7/12/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 101 Ordering the Temporary Limiting of Certain Evictions to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-135</a>	7/12/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 064 and D 2020 102 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Signature Collection for Unaffiliated and Independent Candidates and Authorizing the Secretary of State to Create Temporary Rules for Registered Electors To Receive and Return Candidate Petitions Over Mail and Email Due to the Presence of COVID19
<a href="#">D 2020-136</a>	7/12/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 068 and D 2020 104 Temporarily Suspending Statutes to Maintain Eligibility for Medicaid and Children's Basic Health Plan Enrollees
<a href="#">D 2020-137</a>	7/14/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 071 and D 2020 107 Concerning the Suspension of Statutes to Allow the Operation of Alternate Care Sites in Colorado Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-138</a>	7/16/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 039, D 2020 067, D 2020 092, and D 2020 110 Ordering Individuals in Colorado to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings
<a href="#">D 2020-139</a>	7/19/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 077 and D 2020 108 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Increase the Medicaid Home Health Workforce and Eliminate Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Testing and Treatment for Medicaid Enrollees
<a href="#">D 2020-140</a>	7/19/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 016, D 2020 043, D 2020 078, and D 2020 112 Temporarily Suspending Certain Regulatory Statutes Concerning Criminal Justice
<a href="#">D 2020-141</a>	7/19/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 015, D 2020 042, D 2020 075, and D 2020 111 Authorizing the Executive Directors of Certain State Agencies to Promulgate and Issue Emergency Rules Extending the Expiration Date of Licenses and Other Documents Due to the Presence of COVID-19
<a href="#">D 2020-142</a>	7/21/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 091 and D 2020 123 Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors
<a href="#">*D 2020-143</a>	Related to Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Elephant Butte Fire in Jefferson County	
<a href="#">D 2020-144</a>	7/23/2020	Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 091, D 2020 123, and D 2020 142 Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors
<a href="#">D 2020-145</a>	7/23/2020	Extending Executive Orders D 2020 045, D 2020 080, and D 2020 114 Permitting the Limited Recommencement of Voluntary or Elective Surgeries and Procedures in Colorado

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Number	Date Issued	Title
<b>Public Health Orders</b>		
20-20	3/12/2020 4/20/2020	Restricting Visitors at all Colorado Skilled Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living Residences, and Intermediate Care Facilities
20-22	3/19/2020	Closing Bars, Restaurants, Theaters, Gymnasiums, Casinos, Nonessential Personal Services Facilities, and Horse Track and Off-Track Betting Facilities Statewide
20-23	3/20/2020	Implementing Social Distancing Measures
20-24	3/22/2020 3/27/2020 4/1/2020 4/9/2020	Implementing Stay at Home Requirements
20-26	4/22/2020 5/18/2020	Face Coverings for Critical Businesses
20-27	4/21/2020	Hospital Data Reporting for COVID-19
20-28	4/26/2020 5/4/2020 5/8/2020 5/14/2020 5/26/2020 6/5/2020 6/18/2020 6/30/2020	Safer at Home     Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors
20-29	4/27/2020 5/5/2020 5/26/2020	Limited Recommencement of Voluntary or Elective Surgeries and Procedures in Colorado
20-30	6/2/2020	Hospital Data Reporting for COVID-19
20-31	6/30/2020 7/21/2020	Face Coverings for Critical Businesses and Mass Transportation Operations
20-32	7/10/2020	Protect Our Neighbors

**Executive Order D 2020-050 Program and Service Suspensions and Discontinuations**

<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	
\$182,000	Commissioner's Office and administrative services, including personal services, vehicle lease payments, and information technology asset maintenance
\$20,000	Division of Inspection and Consumer Services
<b>Department of Corrections</b>	
\$808,903	Reimbursement of private contract facilities for housing offenders in a private contract prison that serves as a pre-parole and parole revocation facility (Section 17-1-105 (c), C.R.S.)
\$600,000	Reimbursement of private contract facilities for housing offenders in private prison beds (Section 17-1-105 (c), C.R.S.)
\$550,000	Services such as drug screening, mental health treatment, in-home electronic monitoring, medication management, and fugitive returns (Section 17-2-102, C.R.S.)
\$201,317	Housing, food, alcohol and drug intervention, and mental health counseling for Phase III community supervision (Section 18-1.3-407, C.R.S.)
\$200,000	Reimbursement of district attorney expenses for the prosecution of crimes that occur in DOC facilities (Section 16-18-101 (3), C.R.S.)
\$198,839	Annual payments to the Department of Personnel and Administration for the cost of administration and lease-purchase payments for new and replacement vehicles (Section 24-75-112, C.R.S.)
\$177,677	Provision of administrative and information technology support to the Parole Board (Section 17-2-201, C.R.S.)
\$105,515	Psychotropic medications for offenders in community corrections programs (Section 17-27-105.5, C.R.S.)
\$29,314	Operations of the John Inman Work and Family Center (Section 17-33-101, C.R.S.)
\$13,602	Enhanced educational programs, training, and other services for the youths sentenced to the Youthful Offender System (Section 18-1.3-407, C.R.S.)
\$10,000	Contract services to provide academic, vocational, and other basic skills education to the offender population (Section 17-32-102, C.R.S.)
<b>Department of Education</b>	
\$200,000	Management and administration, including health, life, and dental; short-term disability; amortization equalization disbursement; supplemental amortization equalization disbursement; and salary survey
\$162,500	Management and administration, assessments and data analysis, accountability and improvement planning
\$100,000	Department-wide travel
\$28,053	Costs of the Parents Empowering Parents Conference (Section 22-20-120, C.R.S.)
<b>Colorado Energy Office</b>	
\$200,000	Program administration
\$15,000	Leased space
<b>Department of Health Care Policy and Financing</b>	
\$183,000,000	Medicaid services utilization and Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
\$2,250,000	Executive Director's Office for operating expenses, general professional services and special projects, utilization and quality review contracts, professional audit contracts, and contract administration
\$325,000	Medicaid funding for regional centers electronic health record system
\$80,000	Executive Director's Office for general professional services and special projects
<b>Department of Higher Education</b>	
\$1,125,000	Teacher Mentor Grant Program (Section 23-78-105, C.R.S.)
\$500,000	Educator Loan Forgiveness Fund (Section 23-3.9-102, C.R.S.)
\$330,000	Teaching fellowship stipends (Section 23-78-306, C.R.S.)
\$200,000	Colorado Second Chance Scholarship (Section 23-3.3-1201, C.R.S.)
\$161,000	Prosecution Fellowship Program (Section 23-19.3-102, C.R.S.)
\$80,000	Colorado Student Leaders Institute (Section 23-77-103, C.R.S.)



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**Department of Human Services**

\$3,386,650	Replacement of HVAC equipment in Building 49 and replacement of water softener valves in Building 118
\$3,500,000	Health, life, and dental
\$2,279,613	Upgrades to HVAC system for group homes at the Wheat Ridge Regional Center
\$2,000,000	Jail based behavioral services
\$1,500,000	Community transition services
\$1,000,000	Regional center electronic health record capital
\$960,000	Office of Economic Security
\$790,000	Division of Community and Family Support – community-based child abuse prevention services
\$612,500	Office of Behavioral Health – substance use treatment and prevention services and treatment and detoxification programs
\$500,000	State funding for senior services
\$250,009	Title IV-E waiver and evaluation development
\$250,000	Electronic health record and pharmacy system
\$250,000	Operations, administration, and leased space
\$200,000	Child welfare hotline
\$120,000	Division of Community and Family Support – family support services
\$80,000	Child welfare administration
\$50,000	Office of Early Childhood
\$45,000	Early childhood mental health services
\$26,250	Foster care and adoptive parent recruitment

**Division of Youth Services**

\$2,462,744	Division of Youth Services – institutional programs – educational programs
\$887,991	Division of Youth Services – medical services
\$361,113	Division of Youth Services – administration – personal services
\$362,344	Division of Youth Services – institutional programs – personal services
\$218,000	Division of Youth Services – community programs – personal services

**Department of Local Affairs**

\$1,560,000	Defense Counsel on First Appearance Grant Program (Section 24-32-123, C.R.S.)
\$150,000	Executive Director’s Office – salaries
\$112,256	House Bill 19-1009, Substance Use Disorders Recovery Program

**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

\$250,000	Tuition for members of the National Guard
\$152,137	Executive Director’s Office – personal services common policy
\$100,000	Colorado Army National Guard (Section 28-3-106, C.R.S.)
\$50,000	Grand Junction Veterans One-Stop Center (Section 28-5-713, C.R.S.)
\$20,000	Colorado Division of Civil Air Patrol (Section 28-1-101, C.R.S.)

**Department of Natural Resources**

\$750,000	Senate Bill 19-212, demand management feasibility assessment by the Colorado Water Conservation Board
\$60,000	Executive Director’s Office – personal services
\$25,000	Colorado Parks and Wildlife offer of free entrance to any state park or recreation area to veterans for the month of August (Section 33-12-106 (2.4), C.R.S.)

**Office of Economic Development and International Trade**

\$220,000	Economic Development Commission’s general economic incentives and marketing
\$175,000	Other program costs for Colorado promotion
\$132,675	Marketing and communications
\$70,000	Administration
\$65,000	Global business development
\$49,600	Executive Director’s Office
\$20,000	Aerospace
\$15,000	Minority Business Office
\$13,581	Leading Edge Program Grants



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<b>Office of Economic Development and International Trade (Cont.)</b>	
\$11,419	Rural economic development
\$10,000	Buy Colorado
\$10,000	Colorado Office of Film, Television, and Media
<b>Office of Information Technology</b>	
\$4,900,000	Senate Bill 19-006, Electronic Sales and Use Tax Simplification System
\$618,359	Senate Bill 19-251, Requirements of OIT Based on Evaluation Recommendations
\$200,000	Colorado Digital Services
<b>Department of Personnel and Administration</b>	
\$125,000	Colorado State Archives – operating expenses
\$125,000	Division of Human Resources – state agency services, personal services
\$125,000	Division of Accounts and Control – financial operations and reporting, personal services
\$100,000	Executive Director’s Office – department administration, amortization equalization disbursement; supplemental amortization equalization disbursement; short-term disability; and health, life, and dental
\$86,000	Division of Accounts and Control – state purchasing and contracts, personal services
\$80,000	Division of Central Services – Colorado State Archives, personal services
\$10,000	State Personnel Board – personal services
<b>Department of Public Health and Environment</b>	
\$516,000	Electronic health records for local public health agencies
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>	
\$1,100,000	Division of Criminal Justice – community corrections placements
\$649,433	Division of Criminal Justice – juvenile justice and delinquency prevention
\$209,897	Division of Criminal Justice – administrative services
\$195,000	Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management – access and functional needs planning
\$160,000	Colorado Bureau of Investigation – investigation identification unit
\$111,000	Division of Fire Prevention and Control
\$100,000	Colorado State Patrol
\$90,000	Colorado Bureau of Investigation – crime information management unit
\$80,000	Colorado Bureau of Investigation – laboratory and investigative services
\$45,000	Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management – Safe2Tell Program
\$35,000	Division of Criminal Justice – EPIC Resource Center
\$32,000	Division of Criminal Justice – sex offender supervision programs
\$14,000	Colorado Bureau of Investigation – administration
\$10,000	Division of Criminal Justice – Statewide Victim Information and Notification System
\$1,704	Division of Criminal Justice – victims assistance programs vacancy savings
<b>Department of Revenue</b>	
\$425,000	Taxation and Compliance Division – personal services
\$350,000	Taxpayer Services Division – personal services
\$100,000	Tax Conferee Division – personal services
\$100,000	Administration and Support Division – postage
\$25,000	Administration and Support Division – leased space