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Public Health Order 20-04 Amending Public Health Order 20-03, COVID-19 Safer-At-Home and Stay at Home for Vulnerable Individuals

1. **Background and Purpose.** On May 1, 2020, the Public Health Director issued Amended Public Health Order 20-03. This Order 20-04 will amend and supplement Public Health Order 20-03. This Public Health Order is being issued to continue to limit the health impacts of COVID-19. This Order implements measure to allow limited reopening of certain industries and activities in Las Animas and Huerfano Counties pursuant to recent guidance issued by Governor Jared Polis and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). This Order continues social distancing requirements for all residents and Stay-at-Home requirements for vulnerable populations pursuant to Executive Order D 2020 044. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread primarily by close contact between people and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It can also be spread through contact with contaminated surfaces. Public health experts recommend we practice social distancing, or maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19. Evidence shows that social distancing and the Stay at Home Orders have helped to slow the increase of cases and rate of infection.

While taking these additional steps toward resuming our daily lives, State and local Health Departments continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and additional precautions may be necessary in the future.

On April 26, 2020, Governor Jared Polis issued an Executive Order D 2020 044, Safer at Home. On May 25, 2020, Governor Jared Polis issued Executive Order D 2020 079, Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 044 Safer at Home.

[Executive Order D 2020-044](#) and [Executive Order D 2020 079](#).

On May 26, 2020, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issued guidance regarding Children's Day Camps, Youth Sports Camps, and Restaurants/Food Service.

2. **Effective Area, Date and Time.** This Amended Order will be effective within the entirety of Las Animas and Huerfano Counties at **12:01AM on Wednesday May 27, 2020** unless otherwise specifically provided for herein and will remain in effect until further notice.
3. **Legal Authority.** This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506, 25-1-508, and 25-1-509, Colorado Revised Statutes, as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders and declarations. Under this authority, the Las Animas Huerfano

Counties District Health Department (LAHCDHD) Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of an epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine; to exercise physical control over the property and over the persons within the territorial limits of Las Animas and Huerfano Counties; and to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health; as the LAHCDHD Director may find necessary for the protection of the public health. Immediate issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable and necessary under the existing circumstances and necessary for the preservation of the public's health, safety and welfare.

4. LAHCDHD Public Health Order 20-03 is Amended as Follows:

a. Paragraph 8 subsection a. is amended and shall now read:

“All events and gatherings of more than ten (10) people, including employees and attendees, are prohibited until further notice, with the exception of Children’s Day Camps, Youth Sports Camps, and Restaurants/Food Service.”

b. Paragraph 10 shall now read:

“a. Establishments who are Permitted Places of Public Accommodation subject to PHO 20-22, as amended, are allowed to continue to offer food and beverages using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, drive-up service curbside delivery or any manner set forth in an existing Executive Order or PHO and in accordance with mandatory social distancing requirements. All take-out or curbside pick-up operations must comply with social distancing requirements, such that patrons and staff maintain a minimum of 6 foot separation from other people, whenever possible.

b. Restaurants, although encouraged to continue curbside pick-up/delivery, are allowed to provide dine-in service, subject to the CDPHE’s, Guidance for Restaurants and Food Services, read the full restaurant guidance [here](#). Restaurants wishing to provide dine-in services shall complete the [Restaurant Compliance Check](#) list provided by the LAHCDHD as well as comply with all local and state guidelines for social distancing.”

c. Paragraph 13 subsection a. shall be amended to remove RV parks from the definition of Short-Term Lodging. Subsection f. shall be added to read:

“Privately owned campgrounds and RV parks may be open for use if they can strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines and maintain a 6-foot distance. They can operate at a 50% capacity, leaving every other camp site open to allow for proper distancing. Groups must be limited to members of the same household. All shared facilities must remain closed with the exception of bathrooms which must be cleaned every 2 hours and have a maintained cleaning log.”

d. Paragraph 15 subsection e. is amended and shall now read:

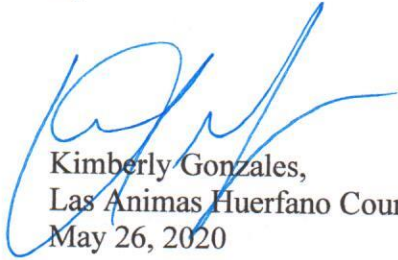
Banks, financial institutions or any business acting as such shall continue to work with the LAHCDHD regarding social distancing protocols, mobile banking and in-person banking.

e. Paragraph 18 shall be added to read:

“Children’s residential overnight camps are prohibited. Children’s Day camps and Youth Sports camps must complete the LAHCDHD’s check list for camps, and comply with the CDPHE’s Guidance for Children’s Day Camps and Youth Sports Camps, which can be found in this [guidance](#).

5. With the exception of the amendments listed above, LAHCDHD’s Public Health Order 20-03 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

By:



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