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Amended and Restated Standing Public Health Order 20-03
COVID-19 Safer-At-Home and Stay at Home for Vulnerable Individuals

THIS ORDER SHALL RESCIND AND REPLACE ALL PREVIOUS ORDERS

1. **Purpose, Effective Area.** This Order will supersede and replace the Standing Public Health Orders Related to Events dated March 25 and March 28, 2020, on the date and time specified in this Order. This Public Health Order is being issued to limit the health impacts of COVID-19. This Order sets forth requirements for general public conduct; group gatherings and events; business operations, including retail, restaurant, and personal services; short-term lodging; and provides additional guidance to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. 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. Public health experts recommend we practice social distancing, which includes maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19. This Order is effective within the entirety of Las Animas and Huerfano Counties.

2. **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 we have seen indications that our efforts to "flatten the curve" are working, transmission of the virus continues to threaten our way of life and livelihoods. As we take steps to return our residents to work, we must continue to practice social distancing at a high level and implement other measures, such as limiting our social interactions, taking extra precautions for Vulnerable Individuals and wearing non-medical masks while in public, to facilitate a step towards reopening the economy while protecting public health.

   While this is a first step 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.

3. **On April 26, 2020, Governor Jared Polis issued an Executive Order D 2020 044,** Safer at Home. This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from April 27, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. Nothing in the Governor's Executive Order prohibits a county from

enacting more protective standards than contained in said Executive Order, including but not limited to stay at home orders or additional protective measures.
Executive Order on Safer at Home

4. **On April 27, 2020, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)** issued Public Health Order 20-28 Safer at Home. This Order sets forth the requirements for implementation of Safer at Home, as directed by Governor Polis. Individual restrictions remain in place concerning limitations on activities, travel, and public gatherings. Workplace restrictions remain necessary to implement standard Social Distancing Requirements, cleaning standards, and other items necessary to reduce the possibility of disease spread. Additionally, certain businesses and activities require specific guidance based on their business practices, and those are included in the appendices to this Order. Public Health Order

5. **Effective Date and Time, Limitations.** This Amended and Restated Public Health Order will become effective at **12:01AM on Friday May 1, 2020** unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, and will remain in effect until further notice.

6. **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.

7. **General Information for all Persons.**
   a. Travel shall be for necessary travel only. Las Animas and Huerfano County residents are asked to remain in Las Animas or Huerfano County as much as possible and limit out-of-county travel only for essential activities that cannot be accomplished within-county (work, medical, and necessities). If you do leave your county of residence, other than for work or necessary medical treatment, and you travel to a designated hot spot, you are asked to self-quarantine for 14 days.
   b. All individuals should limit time outside of their personal residence to essential activities and necessary travel only, and avoid physical contact with individuals other than those in their own household.
   c. All individuals should follow social distancing and COVID-19 prevention measures as much as practicable when outside their residence and/or interacting with individuals from outside their own household. Including but not limited to:
      1. Maintaining a minimum 6 foot physical distance between individuals.
      2. Wearing cloth face covering or other protective mask is *required* at all times unless you have a medical condition preventing you from wearing one.
      3. Practicing thorough and regular hand hygiene.
   d. Individuals who are 65 years or older or have underlying health conditions or other

health vulnerability must stay at home to the greatest extent possible.

e. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or other unknown illness must self-isolate and minimize all contact with other persons, to the greatest extent possible.

f. Any individual whose primary residence is outside Las Animas or Huerfano County should not travel to, visit, or stay in Las Animas or Huerfano County for non-essential activities or for recreation or leisure.

g. Second homeowners should not travel to or visit their second homes in Las Animas or Huerfano Counties. Non-resident homeowners and their accompanying family, friends and guests traveling to their second home should self-quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days at their residence in Las Animas or Huerfano County.

h. Quarantine requires you to separate yourself from others (not in your immediate family or living in your home) to prevent the possible spread of communicable disease. During the period of quarantine, the quarantined person must stay inside their residence, travel by airplane, bus, taxi, or private vehicle is prohibited. Any necessary travel, during quarantine, must be coordinated and approved by the Las Animas Huerfano Counties District Health Department in advance. Visitors who do not have an essential need to be in the home must not be allowed inside.

i. The quarantined person shall notify their healthcare physician or contact their local hospital, if a fever develops (temperature greater than 38.0 degrees Celsius or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or other symptoms of COVID-19 present themselves (cough, shortness of breath, chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, runny nose, nausea/vomiting). If you are unable to reach anyone at the above-listed number, please contact CDPHE at 303-692-2700 business hours or at 303- 370-9395 after hours.

8. Limitations on Events and Gatherings.

a. All events and gatherings of more than ten (10) people, including employees and attendees, are PROHIBITED until further notice.

b. Events and gatherings with fewer than ten (10) people, including employees and attendees, are prohibited unless organizers and participants take adequate steps for hygiene, cleaning, and social distancing.

c. Organizers of events must ask attendees if they have symptoms of COVID-19 prior to allowing the individual to attend the event, and, if they do, prohibit symptomatic attendees from attending the event. This screening for COVID-19 symptoms should occur daily for all event attendees.

d. Individuals aged 65 or older and individuals with underlying medical conditions or other health vulnerabilities must be encouraged not to attend (including employees).

e. Places of worship and faith-based organizations are permitted to be open, as long as social distancing is strictly complied with, including the requirement of ten (10) or less people at the gathering. Remote, online services are strongly encouraged. Drive in services can be conducted with strict social distancing, patrons must remain in the vehicles with no idling of vehicles. Pastoral services for individuals who are in crisis or in need of end-of-life services are allowed.

9. General Business Limitations.

a. Critical businesses (as defined within State of Colorado Public Health Order 20-24 and its

amendments) may continue to operate under social distancing practices and other COVID-19 precautions. Employees of critical businesses are required to wear face coverings when in frequent or sustained proximity of less than 6 feet from other individuals, and encouraged to wear them at all times when at work. Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined herein, including maintaining 6 foot social distancing for both employees and members of the public, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.

b. Non-critical businesses' workplaces may, upon individual authorization by LAHCDHD, operate within approved limited "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" parameters beginning Friday, May 1, 2020. Non-critical businesses must limit on-site personnel to no more than 50% of normal staffing.

c. In all categories of business, employers are still strongly encouraged to maintain telecommuting to the maximum possible extent.

d. Any workplace with multiple persons in a single facility must require employees to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distancing from one another and institute other protective measures, such as hand washing requirements and regular disinfection of high-touch surfaces.

e. Employers are asked to proactively and regularly monitor staff for signs and symptoms of sickness, at minimum before the start of each shift or new work period. Employers must not permit sick staff to work, other than remote work performed from within their own household or other isolation site. A daily log of staff screenings and contacts is recommended.

f. Owners, management, and staff must comply with the requirements of the applicable "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" approved by LAHCDHD for their specific organization.

g. All establishments and businesses that remain operational under the parameters of this Order shall abide by the social distancing and all other applicable requirements of this Order.

h. LAHCDHD may, at its discretion, modify timelines and revise or revoke authorizations for individual businesses or categories of businesses, based on non-compliance with protocols, guidance from state or local authority, or other information necessary for the protection of public health.

10. Limitations on the Sale of Food and Beverages, Including Liquor, Beer and Wine.

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.

b. The sale of food and beverages in Las Animas and Huerfano Counties, including liquor, beer and wine, is limited to carry-out, curbside pick-up, and delivery only, subject to all other applicable licensing and regulatory requirements.

c. The on-site consumption of food or beverages is prohibited.

d. 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.

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

11. Limitations on Establishments Providing Retail Goods and Services.

a. In order to discourage public gatherings and overcrowding, establishments meeting the definition of grocery, pharmacy, pet food store, or hardware store may sell only those items included in those categories.

b. All bars, taverns, taprooms, tasting rooms, brewpubs, distillery pubs, clubs, cigar bars, coffee houses, restaurants, gymnasiums, movie and performance theaters, concert halls, museums, music halls (collectively "places of public accommodation"), and similar establishments are prohibited, regardless of the number of attendees, except that such establishments may provide takeout and delivery of food and beverages, provided indoor and outdoor seating shall be designated as closed, and made unavailable to the public to prevent public gathering, and so long as they are otherwise in compliance with this Order.

c. A place of public accommodation must have social distancing of at least six feet and can only allow a maximum of two (2) members of the public at one time in the establishment for the purpose of picking up food or beverage orders.

b. Retail establishments may take orders from customers online or over the phone and provide products via mail, home delivery, or curbside pickup.

c. Retail establishments may, upon individual authorization by LAHCDHD, operate within approved limited "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" parameters beginning Friday, May 1, 2020.

12. Limitations on Businesses offering on-site Personal Services.

a. Businesses offering on-site Personal Services (eg, hair and nail salons, dog grooming, tattoo parlors, limited personal training) may, upon individual authorization by LAHCDHD, operate within approved limited "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" parameters beginning Friday, May 1, 2020. Licensed service providers must also comply with any requirements of their respective licensing authority.

b. Providers of elective medical and dental procedures will be allowed, upon individual authorization by LAHCDHD, to operate within approved limited "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" parameters beginning Friday, May 1, 2020.

c. Personal services may not be provided or delivered within individuals' homes or locations not affiliated with the business license on file.

13. Limitations on Short-Term Lodging.

a. For the purpose of this order, short-term lodging includes but is not limited to hotels, motels, hostels, short-term rentals of 30 days or less (e.g. AirBnB, VRBO), bed and breakfasts, condo, lodges, RV parks and retreats.

b. All short-term lodging operations are prohibited from operating for the period between the date of this order and May 31, 2020. Short-term lodging operators must block out their online reservation calendars on all relevant platforms through May 31, 2020, in order to avoid inadvertently taking reservations for stays that would occur during the prohibited time period.

c. All short-term rentals must be vacated through May 31, 2020.

d. Exception: If a short-term lodging unit is occupied by a local worker or contractor working locally, that worker or contractor may remain in the unit. New reservations are acceptable for local workers and contractors during this period.

e. Exception: Housing that may be used for quarantine and isolation purposes as well as workers coming into the community to assist with COVID-19 or other emergency response.

14. Limitations on Access to and Use of Public Facilities and Recreation Sites.

a. Ski resorts, playgrounds, recreation centers, entertainment venues, movie theaters, theaters, gyms, fitness centers and studios, and community centers will remain closed through May 31, 2020.

b. Other areas or facilities that are not explicitly named herein, but may hold similar risk for community-spread of COVID-19, will also remain closed until May 31, 2020.

c. Local outdoor recreation and trails will remain open. Outdoor recreators must continue to follow social distancing protocols, including wearing face covering when feasible. Contact sports and other recreation activities where individuals may come in close physical proximity are restricted. Las Animas and Huerfano County residents should recreate locally within their county of residence.

d. Local hunting can continue as long as social distancing protocols, including wearing a face covering when feasible. Individuals coming in from outside the county or state are prohibited.

e. Golf courses can open May 1, 2020 for outdoor activities with the submission and approval of a Business Safety plan; however, social distancing and hygiene requirements must be strictly followed. Clubhouses, restaurants, snack bars and pro shops must not be open and tee times and golf fee transactions made by phone or online only. Golfers are strongly encouraged to not touch any equipment that is not their own (e.g. tees and flags).

15. Additional Considerations.

a. Real estate agents may conduct showings for buyers by appointment only, beginning on Friday, May 1, 2020. No open houses are permitted. Social distancing (maintain at least 6 feet of physical distancing and all parties wear face coverings) must be maintained throughout. House showing are recommend to be on a one to one showing.

b. Childcare centers and providers may operate to serve members of the local workforce, with strict precautions to limit the transmission of disease among children and from children to staff and family members. Owners, management, and staff must comply with requirements of applicable "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" approved by LACHDHD for their specific childcare operation along with State guidelines.

c. Marijuana Dispensaries and Liquor stores must continue to follow the social distancing protocols that have previously been provide by LAHCDHD, to operate within the approved "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" parameters. Licensed service providers must also comply with any requirements of their respective licensing authority.

d. Parcel/Delivery services that include Fed Ex, UPS, USPS, etc shall follow the CDPHE Guidelines in having hand sanitizer, germicidal wipes, and hand washing stations available. All delivery drivers shall be supplied with sanitizing supplies to keep hands, DIADs and vehicles clean. All delivery vehicles will be cleaned exterior and interior on a frequent schedule. All employees are required to follow CDC guidelines for hygiene and social distancing.

e. Banks, financial institutions or any business acting as such shall continue to follow the social distancing protocols and modifications that have previously been provided by LAHCDHD.

16. **Most Restrictive Standard Controls.** To the extent any State and/or Federal orders or laws are more restrictive than what is set forth herein, such orders control.

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

By:

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