

April 25, 2020

**SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES  
IN THE EIGHTH AMENDED PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**

*The changes in the current Public Health Order include:*

- Overall, this Order is designed to relax certain requirements on April 27, 2020, and others on May 1 and again on May 4, 2020, similar to the process being implemented statewide by the Governor and the State of Colorado, and to allow certain types of businesses to re-open and activities to occur so long as they follow the Order's provisions to limit the spread of COVID-19.
  - However, prior to these dates, the restrictions in the Seventh Amended Standing Public Health Order (issued April 21, 2020), continue to apply.
  - This Order is in many cases stricter than the orders being issued by the Governor and the State. Therefore, persons within Gunnison County should not assume that compliance with State orders means compliance with this Order.
  - Businesses permitted to open under this Order will still have to follow the Order's requirements for limiting COVID-19 exposure, such as social distancing and cleaning. In addition, the Public Health Director will be issuing or approving industry-specific guidelines for different types of businesses (e.g., retail stores, hair salons).
    - Businesses are allowed to develop and follow their own guidelines to protect their employees and customers, but they must be stricter than those issued or approved by the Public Health Director.
    - Businesses should remember that merely following this Order does not necessarily give them a "safe harbor"; businesses are under an independent obligation to exercise reasonable care and follow all state, federal and local laws and professional and industry standards of care to protect the safety and well-being of their customers and employees.

- Restaurants remain limited to takeout and delivery only.
- Hotels, motels and short-term rentals remain closed except under the limited exceptions provided in this Order.
- Certain types of businesses, such as tattoo parlors, non-medical massage parlors, gyms, spas, concert halls, indoor spin cycling studios and others remain closed.
- This Order lasts until May 27, 2020.
- Beginning today with the issuance of the Order:
  - Persons who must travel to and from the County because of a court order, such as a court-approved allocation of parental responsibilities or parenting plan in a domestic relations matter, may do so if they otherwise follow the Order.
  - Persons who own their own golf carts may use them at golf courses (so long as the golf course allows it).
- Beginning April 27, 2020:
  - Non-resident homeowners in the County are allowed to remain in the County, so long as they otherwise follow the Order.
  - Non-resident homeowners who wish to travel to the County may do so, so long as:
    - The homeowners isolate and quarantine themselves in their home for at least 7 days from the date on which they arrive in Gunnison County.
    - The homeowners provide a written statement to the Public Health Director on or before the date of their arrival that states:
      - the number of people in their traveling party
      - the dates they intend to remain in Gunnison County
      - acknowledgement of the requirement to isolate for 7 days.
    - The homeowners otherwise comply with the Order and any order issued by the State of Colorado, the state where they reside, or any order issued by any city, town or county where they reside.

- By way of example, if a non-resident homeowner is prevented from leaving their home under a “stay at home” executive order issued by a governor in another state, the homeowner must follow that law and remain at home.
  - Gunnison County residents are required to self-isolate and quarantine if they leave the County for >24 hours.
    - County residents who leave the county for <24 hours are strongly recommended to self-isolate and quarantine (but not required) when they return to the County.
    - County residents are reminded that their travel and activities may still be restricted or discouraged under orders issued by the State of Colorado or other counties or local governments should they choose to leave the County.
  - Libraries may begin to offer curbside and delivery check-out of books, periodicals, DVDs and other library materials, so long as they otherwise comply with the Order, including industry-specific guidance. Libraries are not permitted under this Order to allow non-library employees into library buildings.
  - Real estate agents may conduct commercial or residential property showings to clients or potential buyers so long as the requirements of the Order are followed, but are not permitted to conduct open houses.
- Beginning May 1, 2020:
  - Day care centers, child care centers, and home child care centers may re-open so long as they comply with the Order, including following industry-specific guidelines that the Public Health Director will issue or approve.
  - Retail establishments may permit customers or patrons into their stores or salons, so long as no more than 10 people, including employees, managers, delivery persons, etc., are present in the store or salon at any one time, and the business otherwise follows the Order, including industry-specific guidelines that the Public Health Director will issue or approve.
    - The following businesses or activities must remain closed or are otherwise prohibited:
      - Spas;
      - Tanning booths;
      - Oxygen bars;

- Non-medical massage parlors;
- Tattoo artists;
- Indoor cycling studios;
- Dance studios;
- Concert or performance halls or spaces;
- Martial arts facilities and classes;
- Gyms, weight rooms, and workout centers; and
- guided, group or team outdoor activities, including:
  - minor or adult rugby;
  - softball, lacrosse or soccer leagues;
  - formally organized group or team bike rides;
  - guided raft trips;
  - wilderness medicine classes;
  - rock climbing schools or clubs;
  - guided mountain bike classes or trips;
  - guided fly fishing floats or trips;
  - guided horse- or backpacking excursions, and
  - any other activity employing or using a professional guide or instructor
- Golf courses and shooting ranges may allow parties of up to 10 people, so long as the remaining requirements of the Order (e.g., cleaning, social distancing) are followed.
- Buses and other public transportation may allow up to 10 people in the bus or vehicle (up from 8), so long as the remaining requirements of the Order (e.g., cleaning, social distancing) are followed.
- Beginning May 4, 2020:
  - Professional offices may open their facilities to clients, customers and staff, so long as no more than ten (10) people, including employees, staff, contractors, customers or clients, are present in the office at any one time.
- The County continues to monitor the situation, and may be required to toughen or impose new restrictions in the future.

*The above is a summary only and is not intended to provide legal guidance; for additional information please review the Order or contact the Gunnison County Health Hotline at 970.641.7660.*