



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 4/21/2020

This Order is in effect until midnight Mountain time at the end of April 26, 2020, and is subject to continuing review by the Public Health Director.

BUSINESS PROTOCOLS for ALL BUSINESSES permitted to operate per the April 21, 2020 Gunnison County Public Health ORDER

ORDER EXEMPTIONS: grocery stores, hardware stores, medical service providers, gas stations, and discount department stores. Federal, state, local, and special district facilities, public utilities, and utility service providers.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHAT: Social distancing is deliberately increasing the **physical space between people** to avoid spreading illness

WHY: Because COVID-19 is primarily spread by **infected persons coughing and sneezing** droplets into the air, staying **at least six feet away** from other people lessens your chances of catching COVID-19

Source:

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-social-distancing-and-self-quarantine>

**NO AT-RISK EMPLOYEES;
NO EMPLOYEES AGE 60+**

WHAT: At-risk employees, and employees 60 and older, are not permitted in the workplace

WHY: People age **60 and older** are **particularly susceptible** to COVID-19, and run the **highest risk** of hospitalization and death from the virus. Other high-risk people include people with **weakened immune systems;** individuals with **heart conditions,** individuals with **chronic lung conditions** including asthma and **pregnant women**

SCREEN EMPLOYEES FOR COVID-19

WHAT: Conduct **daily verbal or written evaluations of all staff for symptoms** of COVID-19, including but not limited to **fever, fatigue and body aches, dry cough, shortness of breath**

WHY: Individuals with symptoms are **contagious. Staff evaluations** are critical to **stopping the spread** of COVID-19 to other staff members, customers, and the public at large

Source:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

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CONSTRUCTION SITES

If the Public Health Director has **granted** a **general contractor** an **exemption**, that general **contractor** and any subcontractor(s) operating under the general contractor **need not apply** for separate or additional **exemption(s)**, so long as:

The **general contractor** is otherwise **in compliance** with the existing **Order** and **Exemption**

All **employees** or **contractors** of the general or subcontractor(s) are **Gunnison County residents**

HYGIENE AND SANITATION

WHAT: Clean hands with soap for a minimum of **20 seconds**; **alcohol-based sanitizer** also kills COVID-19 but is **not a substitute** for washing hands with soap and water

WHY: Hand hygiene is particularly **important**. In addition to respiratory droplets in the air, COVID-19 infection can occur when **contaminated surfaces** are **touched by hand**, and then people touch their face - especially the nose, eyes and mouth

Source:

<https://www.who.int/publications-detail/water-sanitation-hygiene-and-waste-management-for-covid-19>

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING/SANITATION

WHAT: Clean all workplace surfaces and **related equipment** frequently. If workplace surfaces are dirty and/or contaminated, first clean them using a **detergent and water**, then **disinfect** them with a product that will kill COVID-19

Please use the CDC guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

WHY: COVID-19 coronavirus can survive up to **four hours on copper**, up to **24 hours on cardboard**, and up to **two to three days on plastic and stainless steel**. The researchers also found that this virus can hang out as droplets **in the air** for up to **three hours** before they fall

Source:

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/coronavirus-resource-center>

GUIDED, GROUP, OR TEAM ACTIVITIES

Because **guided, group** or **team activities** are **unable**, by their nature, to maintain **social distancing** and other **anti-viral measures**, such activities are **prohibited**

Prohibited activities include but are **not limited to:** minor or adult rugby, lacrosse or soccer leagues, group or team bike rides, guided raft trips, guided backcountry ski excursions, avalanche courses, wilderness medicine classes (e.g., Wilderness First Aid or First Responder) courses, Nordic ski classes, rock climbing schools or clubs, guided mountain bike classes or trips, guided fly fishing floats or trips, guided horse or backpacking excursions, and other activities conducted in a group or employing or using a professional guide or instructor