

**Public Gatherings/Events  
Approved Variance to Colorado Public Health Order 20-28- June 11, 2020**

**Variance**

The State of Colorado has issued a variance approval to Public Health Order 20-28. This variance approval is in effect until the final expiration of the PHO 20-28. The variance for Public Gatherings/Events requires Community organizations, businesses, government entities, and nonprofits to submit an event plan for review and approval by the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. The Public Gathering Event Application can be found [here](#). The plans for the proposed events must include how the following precautions will be addressed:

- In order to achieve 6 foot social distancing, the limit is 50% of the posted occupancy code limit ensuring a minimum of 28 square feet per person not to exceed more than 100 people at any given time in a confined indoor space, and 175 people in any outdoor setting.
- Physical Distancing- strategies to maintain a minimum of 6 feet physical distancing must be used throughout the event and gathering.
- Restrooms must be cleaned and disinfected regularly, and frequently contacted surfaces must be cleaned no less than once per hour.
- If food is served, the facility must follow the current PH 20-28 Orders as amended for restaurants.
- Participants must wear a face covering.
- All visitors and participants should be screened before entering the facility. Anyone who is symptomatic must be excluded.
- Symptom screening upon arrival to work, and face mask requirements for employees. Depending on the business sector all guidelines for that business type must be followed.
- Post clear signage notifying participants and employees of hygiene and sanitation expectations, as well as social distancing.
- Monitoring- defined plan for how staff or volunteers will monitor the event, parking areas, and seating areas to assure that social distancing is maintained, and crowds are dispersed.
- Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or Pueblo County's community wide testing.
- If there is a confirmed case among the visitors or employees, the event coordinator must notify and cooperate with the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment.
- In all other respects, the requirements of the Safer at Home Public Health Order 20-28, as amended, remain in effect for Pueblo County.

**Note: If the current public health order or subsequent amendments to that order should change in which more restrictions are lifted Public Gatherings/Events may immediately begin to modify their operations to be in compliance with the most recent public health order.**

**Outbreaks**

**Attendees must register with contact information and facility/host organization must keep list for 30 days.**

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**Variance Alteration and Rescission**

- If Pueblo County reports more than 84 new COVID-19 cases in a 2-week period (2 week incidence of 51 per 100,000) has occurred, the Pueblo Department of Public Health will initiate the following alteration process:
  - Implement a mitigation plan for 2 weeks to try to restore virus transmission levels to baseline under which the variance was approved.
  - If after 2 weeks the levels are not restored, then the capacity limits are automatically adjusted to reflect the CDPHE guidelines.
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment reserve the right to modify or rescind this variance approval as circumstances warrant.

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