



PUEBLO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 2020-001

PURPOSE OF THE ORDER

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 25-1-506, I hereby issue the following Public Health Order for Pueblo County in response to the growing number of confirmed and presumptive cases of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and related deaths in Pueblo County, Colorado. This Order implements levels of restrictions for individuals and activities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 further in Pueblo County.

FINDINGS

1. Governor Polis issued Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020, declaring a disaster emergency in Colorado due to the presence of COVID-19.
2. Pueblo County Commissioners declared a disaster emergency due to the presence of COVID-19 on March 13, 2020.
3. Jill Ryan, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued Public Health Order 20-35 Safer at Home Dial on September 15, 2020 and its subsequent amendments to implement levels of restrictions for individuals, businesses and activities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 further in Colorado.
4. Pueblo County was initially placed in Safer at Home Level 2 based on the Public Health Order 20-35
5. As of October 27, 2020, Pueblo County has had 1,880 positive cases, 168 probable cases, 44 deaths and 43 outbreaks related to COVID-19.
6. As of October 28, 2020, Pueblo County has a two-week cumulative incidence rate of 357.5 positive cases/100,000 population, a two-week average positivity of 5.6%, and only 5 days of declining or stable new hospital admissions.
7. Pueblo County Metrics are out of compliance with the Safer at Home Level 2 incidence threshold defined in Public Health Order 20-35, requiring Pueblo County to submit a mitigation plan to reduce the COVID-19 incidence in the County.

INTENT

This Order sets forth targeted restrictions to reduce the numbers of people at indoor and outdoor events, sporting events, and other activities where large gatherings occur and is necessary to reduce the possibility of disease spread in Pueblo County. This Order imposed additional restrictions for Pueblo County beyond the current state Executive and Public Health Orders.

ORDER

- I. Organized events** (examples include activities like receptions, class reunions, concerts, indoor or outdoor markets, non-critical auctions, luncheons, trade shows, dog shows, horse shows, derbies, fund raisers, fairs, and rodeos. This is not an all-inclusive list).
 - a.** All indoor events are limited to 25 individuals per room excluding staff who are providing support to the event. Performers are not included in the capacity limits as long as they do not join the spectator or patron areas at any time and, for performers whose performance includes forced exhalation that increases the potential to aerosolize respiratory droplets, such as speaking, shouting, singing, playing some instruments, or physical exertion, their performers must remain at least 25 feet from attendees. If the performers join the patron spaces, they must be included in the capacity limit numbers.
 - b.** All outdoor events are limited to 75 individuals. Six feet distancing between non-household contacts is required.
 - c.** For indoor and outdoor events, a list of all participants including staff and patrons must be kept for 30 days following the event. The list must include the name, phone number, email address and address of the individual.
 - d.** All participants in indoor or outdoor events are required to wear a mask or face covering unless the individual is 10 years of age or younger, cannot medically tolerate a face covering, is unable to remove their mask without assistance, is having trouble breathing or is unconscious.
- II. Organized high school, league and club sports**
 - a.** Organized high school, league and club sports are limited to 75 spectators for outdoor events, and 25 spectators for indoor events. If the indoor or outdoor venue allows for ample social distancing and separation, 75 spectators per team for outdoor events and 25 spectators per team

for indoor events may be allowed upon approval by the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment.

- b. Participants on the field for league and club sports are limited to 10 people not including coaches and support staff.
 - c. Participants and spectators must wear masks or facial coverings at all times unless the individual is 10 years of age or younger, cannot medically tolerate a face covering, is unable to remove their mask without assistance, is having trouble breathing or is unconscious.
 - d. All teams and facilities participating in high school, recreational and club sports must maintain complete rosters, schedules, location of games/ practices and contact information (to include names, phone numbers, email address and home address) of all team members or parents of youth who participate prior to the teams playing in any events, including practice. These rosters and other information must be maintained for 30 days following the event or practice and must be provided to Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment upon request. Failure of parents, coaches, and/or team organizers to cooperate with contact tracing may result in the league or season being suspended or cancelled.
 - e. Concessions will be closed for all high school, league and club sport events.
- III. Non-critical office-based businesses** may allow up to 25% of their employees to conduct in-person work that takes place outside of a private residence.
- IV. Alcohol Last Call-** Pursuant to Colorado Executive Order D 2020 091 , as amended and extended, all on-premises licensees licensed under Articles 3, 4, and 5 of Title 44 of the Colorado Revised Statutes must cease alcohol beverage sales to end consumers for on-premises consumption and for takeout between 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. MDT each day.
- V. Outdoor recreational activities** in groups of 10 people or fewer may occur, maintaining 6 feet distancing requirements between non-household contacts.
- VI. Outdoor guided activities** may be conducted at 25% capacity not to exceed 10 people.
- VII. Children’s Day Camps, Residential Camps, Youth Sports Day Camps and Exempt Single Skill-Building Youth Camps** may be conducted with no more than 10 participants in outdoors only.
- VIII. Public and private gatherings** are limited to no more than 10 individuals from no more than 2 households when not otherwise regulated as specific sector or activity in Section III of Public Health Order 20-35 and its subsequent amendments.

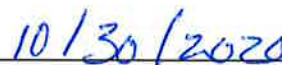
- IX. Individuals at Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19** are urged to stay away from indoor and outdoor events where large numbers are gathered.
- X. Individuals who are sick or are experiencing flu-like symptoms-** should not participate or attend indoor or outdoor events or league or club sports events/ practices. Individuals who are sick or experiencing flu-like symptoms should get tested for COVID-19. If an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 and/or has developed symptoms of COVID-19, including early or mild symptoms (such as cough and shortness of breath), they should be in isolation (staying away from others) until they are released by public health. In most cases, individuals are released from isolation when they are fever-free, without medication, for twenty-four (24) hours, other symptoms have improved, and at least ten (10) days have passed since symptoms first appeared. A limited number of people with severe illness may require longer isolation. Coloradans who are sick and receive negative COVID-19 test results should continue to stay home while they are sick and should consult with their healthcare provider about the need for additional testing and the appropriate time to resume normal activities.

DURATION

Unless otherwise specifically noted in this Order, the requirements of this Order are effective November 1, 2020 at 12:00 am and will expire in 30 days on November 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing.



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Date

Appendix A. Colorado Public Health Order 20-35, Amendment 4
Appendix B. Pueblo County Mitigation Plan Response