



**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**MARCH 18, 2020**

**STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**

**RELATED TO EVENTS**

Pursuant to Section 25-1- 506 (2)(a)(I), Colorado Revised Statutes, this Order is effective within the entirety of Alamosa County, including all towns within the county, until April 22, 2020.

On March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a state of Emergency related to the presence of COVID-19 in the State. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has confirmed that COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the State of Colorado.

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19.

On March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidance to cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States for 8 weeks.

On March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued a statement including recommendations to avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.

The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population in Alamosa County places it at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, persons with mild symptoms and asymptomatic persons with COVID-19 may place other

"Event" does not include activities that are primarily individual or occur in small groups or in non-congregate settings, such as places of employment and restaurants, as long as persons present are able to maintain adequate social distancing, as well as hygiene and sanitization recommendations as defined below. At this point, this order also does not pertain to schools or homeless shelters or religious services.

## **ORDER**

- A. All events 30 people or more are prohibited.
  
- B. Events with fewer than 30 attendees should follow the following steps to mitigate risks:
  1. Older adults (age 60 and older) and individuals with underlying medical conditions that are at increased risk of serious COVID-19, including employees, are encouraged not to attend.
  2. Social distancing recommendations should be met. These include limiting contact of people within 6 feet from each other for 10 minutes or longer, and any other applicable guidance. *See Section III, below.*
  3. Individuals who are sick should stay home.
  4. Proper hand hygiene and sanitation should be readily available to all attendees and employees.
  5. Environmental cleaning guidelines from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) should be followed (e.g., clean and disinfect high touch surfaces daily or more frequently).

## **FURTHER GUIDANCE**

Further guidelines for social distance are available at:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>