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**STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER  
RELATED TO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE ORDERS**

This Order is intended to address the fast-moving developments and efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to minimize the risk of confusion or contradiction among state, federal and county public health or executive orders. Pursuant to Section 25-1-506 (2)(a)(I), Colorado Revised Statutes, this Order is effective immediately within the entirety of Garfield County, including all municipalities within the County.

**I. ORDER**

Garfield County will follow all Public Health Orders issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and all Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Colorado related to the COVID-19 virus unless otherwise excepted or ordered. Effective immediately, the following is so ordered:

- A. Unless otherwise excepted or ordered, Garfield County will follow and enforce all current and future Public Health Orders issued by the CDPHE and all Colorado Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 virus. The current orders include, but may not be limited to:
  - 1. Executive Order D 2020-005 directing the amendment of rules regarding in-person gatherings to allow the 2020 Primary Election to proceed without interruption (March 16, 2020);

- C. As a point of clarification, Garfield County interprets the CDPHE's exemptions of certain businesses and facilities to closure set forth in its March 18, 2020 version of Public Health Order 20-22 in Section III to include Animal Shelters, such as Colorado Animal Rescue and the Rifle Animal Shelter.
- D. All future orders from CDPHE or the Governor related to COVID-19 will be immediately in effect as if issued as a Garfield County Public Health Standing Order unless otherwise stated.

## **II. FURTHER GUIDANCE**

Further guidelines on all COVID-19 matters are available at [www.garfield-county.com](http://www.garfield-county.com) and [covid19.colorado.gov](http://covid19.colorado.gov).

## **III. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PERSONS AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER**

If you have questions regarding this Order, please contact the GCPH at (970) 625-5200 or (970) 945-6614

Garfield County Public Health is tasked with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Garfield County, Colorado by investigating and controlling the causes of epidemic and communicable disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. See section 25-1-508, Colorado Revised Statutes. Immediate issuance of this Order is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare.

Any person aggrieved and affected by this Order has the right to request judicial review by filing an action with the Garfield County District Court within 90 days of the date of this Order, pursuant to section 25-1-515, Colorado Revised Statutes. However, you must continue to obey the terms of this Order while your request for review is pending.