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Gov. Polis Provides Update on Colorado Response to COVID-19

DENVER - Gov. Polis today provided an update on Colorado's response to COVID-19.

"The Safer-at-Home phase is not a return to normal," said Governor Jared Polis. **"This is merely transitioning to a more sustainable level of social distancing that we are going to have to maintain for the long haul -- likely months. We need to wear facial masks when in public and observe the safety guidelines at local businesses. This is difficult for everyone but we are in this together and we will get through it together. The next few weeks are even more important than the last few."**

Gov. Polis today announced that he would be creating an advisory board to advise him and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on policies and potential legislation and regulations designed to maximize social distancing. The advisory board will focus on how local governments and local public health agencies can coordinate with the State on public education efforts that aim to maximize compliance and enforcement efforts for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Governor thanked the Colorado National Guard for assisting three senior living facilities in Colorado Springs, Broomfield, and Thornton with testing for staff and residents who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Nearly 900 tests were administered, and of those tests, 20 were positive. The State will continue to work with these and other senior living facilities in coordination with local public health officials to protect this vulnerable population.

Gov. Polis also issued guidance regarding permitting and service of telecommunications for State executive departments and agencies, municipalities, counties, and telecommunications providers within the State concerning how to safely and efficiently permit and deploy technology to keep Coloradans connected during the Safer at Home phase of the pandemic. Read the full guidance [here](#).

View the media availability [here](#).

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