

**FIRST AMENDED STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORING, QUARANTINE,
AND ISOLATION ORDER FOR THE COVID-19 LOCAL DISASTER
EMERGENCY**

Silver Thread Public Health District (“STPHD”) is aware of a number of positive as well as suspected cases of COVID-19 throughout the State of Colorado and is anticipating that cases may arise within Hinsdale County and Mineral County. Three cases have already arisen in Hinsdale County and two cases have arisen in Mineral County. This Order sets forth monitoring, quarantine, and isolation requirements for certain persons with potential or known exposure to, or who have contracted, the COVID-19 virus.

The purpose of these amendments is to update, amend and clarify the existing Order in response to changing conditions.

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 12, 2020, Gunnison County declared a Local Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19 and community transmission of the disease has now been confirmed in Gunnison County. People from Hinsdale County have regular and constant contact with people from Gunnison County. In addition, a person in Hinsdale County has tested positive COVID-19.

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

On March 14, 2020, Hinsdale County initiated a virtual Emergency Operations Center to address COVID-19.

On March 14, 2020, Hinsdale County declared a Local Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19. There is currently a public health emergency in Hinsdale County as a result of COVID-19.

On March 16, 2020, Mineral County initiated a virtual Department Operations Center to address COVID-19.

On March 16, 2020, Mineral County declared a Local Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19. There is currently a public health emergency in Mineral County as a result of COVID-19.

On March 15, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that for the next eight (8) weeks organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of fifty (50) people or more throughout the United States.

On March 16, 2020, the President of the United States announced guidelines recommending among other things the restriction of social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people throughout the United States.

On March 16, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (“CDPHE”) ordered the closure of all bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, and casinos statewide. See CDPHE Public Health Order 20-22.

On April 9, 2020 CDPHE issued a Fourth Updated Order 20-24 Implementing Stay At Home Requirements. This Fourth Updated Order 20-24 expires on April 26, 2020. CDPHE is expected to replace the Fourth Updated Order 20-24 with a new order that will lessen Stay at Home Requirements.

The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population in Hinsdale County and Mineral 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 vulnerable members of the public at significant risk. A large surge in the number of persons with serious infections can compromise the ability of the healthcare system, particularly in small counties such as Hinsdale County and Mineral County and high-country counties currently affected by community transmission, to deliver necessary healthcare to the public. It is necessary to take proactive measures to protect the public.

This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506, 25-1-508 and 25-1-509, Colorado Revised Statutes. This Order requires that any persons subject to this Order follow the requirements stated herein. In addition, the Public Health Director can also complete specific declarations with the names of such persons, the location and duration of their ordered quarantine and isolation, the level of restrictions they are subject to and a description of the grounds for quarantine and isolation. Such information shall be set forth in a Declaration (“Declaration”) which shall substantially in the form of Exhibits A-1 or A-2. The Declarations will contain confidential health information about individuals and is not a public document. Each Declaration when issued shall be considered an order issued by STPHD. For avoidance of doubt, all persons shall comply with this Order irrespective of whether a Declaration specific to that person is issued.

The requirements in this Order are in addition to and should not be construed in any way to limit the requirement to comply with any orders issued by the federal or state government.

I. ORDERS

All persons described in paragraphs A, B, C, or D below must:

- Isolate themselves from others until STPHD has determined that they are not contagious. Such persons and the locations at which they must remain are set forth in the applicable Declaration. In absence of a Declaration, persons should isolate themselves in their place of residence or an appropriate health care facility.
- Allow daily contact with healthcare professionals who are providing their care to assess whether they continue to be infectious.
- Cooperate with healthcare professionals in the administration of necessary infection control actions.

A. Persons who test positive for COVID 19;

B. Persons who are awaiting COVID 19 test results;

C. Persons who are symptomatic of COVID-19; or

D. A person living in the same household as, being an intimate partner of, or providing care in a nonhealthcare setting (such as a home) for a person identified in paragraphs I.A., I.B. or I.C.

All persons are required to comply with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment COVID-19 Isolation and quarantine guidance. See <https://covid19.colorado.gov/isolation-and-quarantine>

II. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PERSONS AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER

All persons must comply with this Order and all persons listed on Declarations must follow the applicable terms of this Order under the terms set forth in the applicable Declarations. This Order is enforceable by the Hinsdale County Sheriff for Hinsdale County and Mineral County Sheriff for Mineral County and via an action in district court.

If you have questions regarding this Order, please contact the STPHD at 970-944-0321.

STPHD is tasked with protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Hinsdale County and Mineral 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 sections 25-1-506 and 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 Hinsdale County District Court or Mineral 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.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 25-1-516 AND 18-1.3-501, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, INCLUDING A FINE UP TO \$5,000 AND IMPRISONMENT IN COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO 18 MONTHS. .

Tara Hardy
Tara Hardy
Public Health Director
Silver Thread Public Health District

April 24, 2020
Date

I, Wanda Scuderson, hereby acknowledge receipt of this Order.

Wanda Scuderson - Deputy Clerk
Sign

April 24, 2020
Date

Receiver



EXHIBIT A-1

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF ISOLATION ORDER

I, Tara Hardy, do hereby declare that:

1. I am the Director of Public Health for Silver Thread Public Health District serving Hinsdale County and Mineral County.
2. It is my professional judgment that [NAME] has tested positive for COVID-19, is awaiting test results for COVID-19 or is symptomatic of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a communicable disease for which public health isolation is authorized pursuant to sections 25-1-506, 25-1-508 and 25-1-509 Colorado Revised Statutes.
3. [NAME] shall adhere to the restrictions set forth in the **STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORING, QUARANTINE, AND ISOLATION ORDER FOR THE COVID-19 LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**, incorporated herein.
4. [NAME] shall adhere to strict limitations on leaving the home, travel, and public activities which are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Hinsdale and Mineral Counties.
5. [NAME] tested Positive for COVID-19 and/or is symptomatic and contagious.
6. I reached this conclusion based on the following evidence: clinical, epidemiological, laboratory evidence and/or travel history.
7. As a result, in order to contain the spread of the disease, [NAME] should be isolated until it is determined that [NAME] is not potentially infectious.
8. The location of the isolation shall be _____ or an appropriate health care facility.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Tara Hardy
Public Health Director Silver Thread Public Health District

EXHIBIT A-2

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF QUARANTINE ORDER

I, Tara Hardy, do hereby declare that:

1. I am the Director of Public Health for Silver Thread Public Health District serving Hinsdale County and Mineral County.
2. The 2019 novel coronavirus can be spread through contact with a person infected with COVID-19, but other routes of transmission are currently unknown. The incubation period is estimated around 3-7 days (ranges from 2-14 days).
3. It is my professional judgment that [NAME] may have been exposed to a person who is contagious with COVID-19, a communicable disease for which public health monitoring and quarantine is authorized pursuant to sections 25-1-506, 25-1-508 and 25-1-509, Colorado Revised Statutes.
4. The affected person’s exposure necessitates that [NAME] adhere to the restrictions as set forth in the **STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORING, QUARANTINE, AND ISOLATION ORDER FOR THE COVID-19 LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY** (“Standing Order”), which is incorporated herein by this reference.
5. I reached this conclusion based on the fact that the affected person was in close contact with a person that has contracted and tested positive for COVID-19 as described in the Standing Order or was in close contact with a person who is awaiting such test results or is symptomatic of COVID-19.
6. As a result, in order to contain the spread of the disease, the affected person should be isolated, monitored and quarantined until a full incubation from possible exposure has elapsed (14 days since last known exposure) and it is determined that the person is not potentially infectious.
7. The location of quarantine shall be _____ or an appropriate health care facility.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20_____.

Tara Hardy
Public Health Director Silver Thread Public Health District