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NOTICE TO ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ELBERT COUNTY
Elbert County Public Health Order 2020-01
High School Graduation Ceremonies for up to 50 Attendees
May 20, 2020

The Elbert County Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Board of Health, have submitted, in good faith, a request for variance from Public Health Order D 2020 044 and/or Public Health Order D 2020 20-28 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The request was initially submitted on May 4, 2020 and again on May 12, 2020 after additional documentation was requested by CDPHE. It is anticipated that the review process for the request for variance may take a considerable amount of time.

We, the Board of Health, therefore authorize school districts to convene in-person graduation ceremonies for **up to 50 attendees** effective Friday, May 22, 2020 after the school district submits a request to Elbert County Public Health delineating measures it will take to assure the risks of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus are adequately mitigated. Requests must subsequently be approved by Elbert County Public Health before school districts may allow in-person graduation ceremonies larger than the current limit of 10 participants delineated in the state's Second Amended Safer at Home Public Health Order. Should the school district determine that they can conduct graduation ceremonies with approved protocols in place, they will be solely responsible for any impact that would have on their students and faculty.

All school districts should submit their proposed graduation ceremony plan to Dwayne Smith, Elbert County Public Health Administrator *prior to the ceremony*.

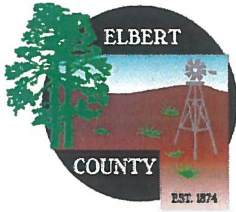
Sincerely,


Chris Richardson, BOCC/BOH Chairman


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Dwayne Smith, Public Health Administrator



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NOTICE TO ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ELBERT COUNTY
Elbert County Public Health Order 2020-02
High School Graduation Ceremonies for Elizabeth School District
May 20, 2020


The Elbert County Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Board of Health, have submitted, in good faith, a request for variance from Public Health Order D 2020 044 and/or Public Health Order D 2020 20-28 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The request was initially submitted on May 4, 2020 and again on May 12, 2020 after additional documentation was requested by CDPHE. It is anticipated that the review process for the request for variance may take a considerable amount of time.

We, the Board of Health, therefore authorize Elizabeth School District to convene an in-person graduation ceremony for its Class of 2020 effective Friday, May 22, 2020 after the school district submits a request to Elbert County Public Health delineating measures it will take to assure the risks of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus are adequately mitigated. Requests must subsequently be approved by Elbert County Public Health before school districts may allow in-person graduation ceremonies larger than the current limit of 10 participants delineated in the state's Second Amended Safer at Home Public Health Order. This approval would allow in-person participation in the ceremony by graduating seniors and limited faculty necessary to conduct the ceremony. Should the school district determine that they can conduct graduation ceremonies with approved protocols in place, they will be solely responsible for any impact that would have on their students and faculty.

All school districts should submit their proposed graduation ceremony plan to Dwayne Smith, Elbert County Public Health Administrator **prior to the ceremony.**

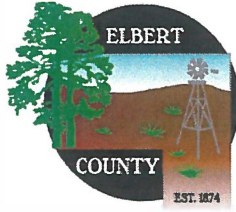
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NOTICE TO ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP IN ELBERT COUNTY
Elbert County Public Health Order 2020-03
Voluntary Reopening Authorization
May 20, 2020

The Elbert County Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Board of Health, have submitted, in good faith, a request for variance from Public Health Order D 2020 044 and/or Public Health Order D 2020 20-28 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The request was initially submitted on May 4, 2020 and again on May 12, 2020 after additional documentation was requested by CDPHE. It is anticipated that the review process for the request for variance may take a considerable amount of time.

We recognize that the right to worship is fundamental and protected by the Constitution of both the United States and the State of Colorado, and, as such, we identify houses of worship as critical facilities that may operate with appropriate social distancing and risk reduction measures in place. We, the Board of Health, therefore authorize places of worship to commence in-person services. We request church leaders for places of worship that choose to open coordinate a plan with Elbert County Public Health delineating reopening protocols that define measures taken to assure the risks of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus are mitigated. This authorization in no way authorizes places of worship to open beyond what their higher authority allows. Should the place of worship determine that they are prepared to open with approved protocols in place, they will be solely responsible for any impact that opening would have on their congregation.

We recommend that places of worship interested in opening submit their protocol for beginning expanded in-person worship services to Dwayne Smith, Elbert County Public Health Administrator **prior to commencing services.**

Sincerely,


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Dwayne Smith, Public Health Administrator