



**FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT**

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PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER FCPH2020-02

PURPOSE

This Public Health Order is being issued to continue to limit the health impacts of COVID-19. This Order implements measures to allow limited reopening of certain industries and businesses in Fremont County while maintaining sustainable levels of social distancing. This Order continues social distancing requirements for all residents and Stay-at-Home requirements for vulnerable populations pursuant Executive Order D 2020 017. This Order is effective within the entirety of Fremont County, including all cities and towns within the County.

BACKGROUND

The Governor of Colorado issued several Executive Orders to address the current COVID-19 pandemic since March 11, 2020, including an Executive Order declaring a disaster emergency due to the presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado. On March 25, 2020, the Governor of Colorado issued Executive Order D 2020 017, which ordered Coloradans to Stay at Home due to the presence of COVID-19 in the state. This order was issued in response to the existence of hundreds of confirmed and presumptive cases of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and related deaths across the State of Colorado. Further, there is substantial evidence of community spread of COVID-19 throughout the State. On March 25, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment issued Public Health Order 20-24 based on the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 017. On April 1st, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment updated Public Health Order 20-24 adding clarification to the essential services and social distancing definitions of the Stay-at-Home requirements.

On April 27, 2020 the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment issued a Safer at Home Public Health Order 20-28 based on the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 044 allowing many Coloradans to return to work while maintaining a sustainable level of social distancing. On May 20, 2020 the Colorado Department of Public Health approved a Fremont County variance to portions of Executive Order D 2020 044 and Public Health Order 20-28 (See Attachment F).

Fremont County demonstrated proof of 22 COVID-19 reported cases as of May 6, 2020, with no new cases since April 25, 2020, and sufficient hospital capacity to care for COVID-19 positive patients. The Safer-at-Home Fremont County plan is approved by Fremont County Board of Public Health, Fremont County Board of County Commissioners, and is fully supported by St. Thomas More Hospital.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506 and 25-1-508, 25-1-509, Colorado Revised Statutes as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders



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and declarations. Under this authority, the Fremont County Public Health Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of the epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine; to exercise physical control over the property and over the persons of the people within the territorial limits of Fremont County; and to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health; all as the Public Health Director may find necessary for the protection of the public health.

Immediate issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable and necessary under the existing circumstances and necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER FCPH2020-02 IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

This Order is complementary to CDPHE Public Health Order 20-28 and, therefore, should not be relied upon solely. An easy-to-follow listing of the details for both the Colorado and Fremont County “Safer at Home” orders can be found at fremontco.com.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Best Practices for Fremont County Residents:

- Maintain physical distancing (6 feet)
- Adults 65 years and older and high-risk populations shall limit public interactions and stay at home as much as possible
- Use cloth face coverings for interactions where physical distancing is not possible or when entering public places
- Stay home and not go to work or out in the public if experiencing symptoms
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Clean and disinfect all non-porous, high-touch surfaces frequently.

Guidance and Requirements for Fremont County Businesses:

- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection (concentrate on high touch surfaces like tables, door knobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.)
- Customers or patrons should be asked about symptoms before entering or participating in the activity, and service or participation should be declined if they are symptomatic
- Arrange spaces so that everyone can maintain at least six feet distance from each other. Make reasonable work accommodations for vulnerable populations who are still under the Stay at Home advisement.



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- Employees must be screened for symptoms each day before beginning work, and those who are symptomatic must be excluded from the place of business and required to remain in isolation for 10 days, per CDC guidance.
- Monitor employees and volunteers for one of the following symptoms:
 - a. Cough
 - b. Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing or at least two of the following symptoms:
 - c. Fever
 - d. Chills
 - e. Repeated shaking with chills
 - f. Muscle pain
 - g. Headache
 - h. Sore throat
 - i. New loss of taste or smell
- Employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public shall wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth
- All other employees are encouraged to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while working, except where doing so would compromise the individual's health
- In some instances, cloth face masks are required for the public to enter a facility. All businesses have the option to require anyone entering their facility to wear a cloth face covering if they so choose.
- Implement or maintain return to work policies
- The following business shall remain closed:
 - a. Bars, taverns, brewpubs, breweries, microbreweries, distillery pubs, wineries, wine tasting rooms (except for retail), special permit licensees, clubs, and other places offering alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption except restaurants
 - b. Cigar bars
- Restaurants and fitness facilities are allowed to partially open as outlined in the attached guidelines
- Places of worship are allowed to increase the number of people in their facilities, if they choose, as outlined in the attached documents
- Fremont County does not differentiate between critical and non-critical businesses. Employers are allowed to open their business under the attached guidelines but are encouraged to do so at their own pace
- Recommendations for specific industries are included in the following attachments:
 - Attachment A: Restaurants
 - Attachment B: Places of Worship
 - Attachment C: Fitness Facilities
 - Attachment D: Recreation
 - Attachment E: Outfitters

Group gatherings



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- Group gatherings shall contain no more than 10 people
- Participants shall maintain at least six feet distance from each other
- No festivals or other organized large gatherings will be allowed until at least July 1st, at which time the situation will be evaluated to determine when and if festivals and other types of large gatherings can resume
- Large venues shall remain closed (movie theaters, bowling alleys, nightclubs, concert facilities, sporting event facilities, etc.)
- Private events that involve more than 10 people shall not be allowed at this time

DURATION

Fremont County Public Health Order 2020-02, is effective as of 8:30 a.m. May 21, 2020. This order will be amended to include details for phase 2 and 3 when appropriate. This Order shall expire six (6) weeks from May 21, 2020, unless extended further.

The decision to move into the next phase, stay at the current phase, or go back to Stay at Home will be made by Fremont County Public Health based on the rate of positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Fremont County, which is set at 25 or more cases requiring investigation in a week.

Effective date: May 21, 2020

BY ORDER OF

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Fremont County, Colorado