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April 27, 2020

Jill Hunsaker Ryan
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RE: Variance Request for Executive Order D 2020 044 and CDPHE Order 20-28

Dear Director Ryan,

Mesa County is respectfully requesting a variance from the provisions of Governor Polis' Executive Order D 2020 044 Safer at Home, and CDPHE Order 20-28. A variance, as outlined in CDPHE Order 20-28, III.V. and Appendix G., will allow Mesa County to implement its own reopening plans for Restaurants (CDPHE Order II.A.), Places of Worship (CDPHE Order II.B. and Appendix F.5), and Gyms (CDPHE Order II.A.4.); restoring the balance between community health and our economy in the manner and time frame that best meets the needs of our communities.

Mesa County's first positive case of COVID-19 was reported on March 14th. To date, we have 39 positive cases (3.5% of all tests conducted). The greatest spike in numbers occurred in early April when four positive cases were reported. Between March 14th and today, our epidemiological curve has remained flat. In the course of a month, we've had only six hospitalizations, five of which have since been discharged. Our sampling site has reduced its operations to half-day because we're not able to fill our appointment schedule.

Mesa County is obviously at a place where it makes sense to incrementally loosen restrictions in ways that are slightly different than what's outlined in the Safer at Home Orders. This action will not burden any of the public health resources outside of Mesa County. Our local public health agency will still regulate social behaviors, events, types of business that may reopen, and travel into and around the county, to control disease transmission. Additionally, hospital capacity in Mesa County remains more than adequate to address COVID-19 cases as well as other medical issues in our regional service area.

Mesa County residents are parents, employees, neighbors, and business owners. They'll appreciate the opportunity, as part of the recovery process, to be directly involved in the implementation of their own local reopening plan. Thank you for considering our request for a variance from sections of the State's Orders.

Sincerely,

Scott McInnis, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Rose Pugliese
Commissioner

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Commissioner

April 27, 2020

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Dear Director Ryan,

On behalf of the Mesa County health care system, we are offering our support for the Safer at Home Mesa County plan.

Local data supports a gradual and thoughtful re-opening of most sectors in Mesa County. As of April 27, 2020, Mesa County has 39 positive cases of COVID-19. We have processed over 1,000 tests and of those only 3.5 percent have been positive. Mesa County's curve has remained flat for 39 days and the greatest spike in numbers occurred in early April when four positive cases were reported in a single day. Since the first positive case was reported on March 14, 2020, there have been 6 total hospitalizations (5 discharged), and outbreaks in congregate settings have not been reported in Mesa County. So far, COVID-19 has not stressed our medical facilities or resources and we feel confident we have the capacity to continue to manage the slow progression of COVID-19 in Mesa County.

Mesa County Public Health's proposed Safer at Home Mesa County plan is based on guidance from the World Health Organization, which details six conditions to sustain low levels of transmission and clearly defines measures to determine the success of physical distancing policies. Moreover, the plan lays out specific recommendations by sector for public gatherings, offices, retail and personal services, restaurants, recreation, education, real estate, places of worship, and gyms.

We believe that strict adherence to outlined protocols as well as the continual monitoring of data through testing and contact investigations will enable our community to begin the recovery process. By supporting the attached Safer at Home Mesa County plan, we confirm that our medical centers have the capacity and PPE to handle an increase in COVID-19 cases, should that occur.

We look forward to your favorable response to our request.

Sincerely,



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President
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**MESA COUNTY VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THE SAFER AT HOME
EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
April 27, 2020**

Mesa County is respectfully requesting a variance from some of the provisions of Governor Polis' Executive Order 2020 044 Safer at Home, and CDPHE Order 20-28. A variance, as outlined in CDPHE Order 20-28, III.V. and Appendix G., will allow Mesa County to implement its own reopening plans for Restaurants (CDPHE Order II.A.), Places of Worship (CDPHE Order II.B. and Appendix F.5), and Gyms (CDPHE Order II.A.4) in a time frame that best meets the needs of our communities.

Mesa County has developed Safer at Home toolkits for each industry, which include detailed guidance, sign templates, symptom check template, and frequently asked questions. We have teams who will visit businesses to provide technical assistance and we have a dedicated hotline and email address for businesses to ask specific questions regarding implementation of the Order.

CONDITIONS FOR LIFTING RESTRICTIONS

The World Health Organization has set forth the following guidelines for transitioning from a “scenario of community transmission to a sustainable, steady-state of low-level or no transmission:”

1. Disease Transmission is Under Control
 - The number of daily positive COVID-19 cases has remained flat since the first positive case was reported to Mesa County on 03/14/2020; there are a total of 37 positive cases as of 04/21/2020. The greatest spike in numbers occurred in early April when four positive cases were reported for a single day. Our curve has remained flat for 39 days
 - Hospitalizations among Mesa County residents have been minimal; there have been 6 total hospitalizations (4 discharged) as of 04/21/2020
 - Mesa County's online Symptom Tracker has had 667 entries, data peaked on March 29th and then tapered and flattened on April 5th
2. There are Sufficient Health System and Public Health Capabilities
 - The Mesa County Public Health drive-through sampling facility has been operating since March 17, 2020, and has tested nearly 900 residents with symptoms. Only 4% of the COVID-19 tests processed in Mesa County have been positive

- Mesa County's hospitals and surgery centers test all elective surgery patients and at-risk healthcare staff. Initially, 500 tests per month will be performed among local hospitals with the ability to increase to 1,500 tests once surgery facilities are fully operational
 - Some Mesa County hospitals have the capacity to begin testing for COVID-19 in their own labs
 - Mesa County has 81 ICU beds with the potential to expand to 125 with 102 critical and noncritical ventilators
 - Mesa County Public Health developed a community medical surge plan in collaboration with local hospitals. On average, the hospitals have enough PPE to last two months under normal conditions. Mesa County Public Health has reserved 20% of the critical PPE supplies from the local Medical Cache allocation to backfill the hospitals as needed
 - The Mesa County Public Health Epidemiology team consists of four disease surveillance specialists who do contact investigations on every positive case. Case investigations are completed within 24 hours. Contact tracing is also performed with people who were in direct contact with identified positive cases
 - Among positive cases in Mesa County, over half have been traced to a known source
3. Outbreak Risks in High-Vulnerability Settings are Minimized
- Mesa County Public Health has a team assigned to correctional facilities in Mesa County
 - Mesa County Public Health has a team assigned to local facilities that work with nearly 500 homeless individuals
 - Mesa County Public Health has a team assigned to address policies and procedures in nursing homes
 - Mesa County Public Health has a team that works with child care facilities
 - Mesa County Public Health has the ability to bring COVID-19 sampling offsite and the ability to train partners on how to do COVID-19 sampling at their location
4. Workplace Preventive Measures are Established
- Guidelines addressing prevention have been written and distributed to schools, workplaces, and other essential places as outlined in this document (Phases 1, 2, and 3)
5. Risk of Imported Cases Managed
- Limits have been set for non-essential travel
 - Recommendations have been sent to appropriate property owners discouraging short-term rentals
 - Mesa County Public Health is involved in a weekly meeting with members representing our federal lands, Colorado National Monument, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, local city park officials, and other outdoor-resource representatives
 - There are currently restrictions to prohibit camping in State Parks
 - 200 signs have been posted on public lands. The signs outline appropriate physical distancing practices in parking lots and trailheads

- There are protocols in place related to transporting patients to Mesa County hospitals from other regional hospitals
 - The Grand Junction Regional Airport has protocols for handling an exposed or potentially infectious person at the airport. The Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) team is the lead at the airport
6. Communities are Fully Engaged
- Mesa County Public Health Nurses are working with healthcare facilities to implement physical distancing guidelines
 - The Mesa County Public Health retail food licensing team, along with MCPH health educators are working with local businesses to implement physical distancing guidelines
 - Mesa County Public Health community organizers are working with local residents on education and compliance related to physical distancing guidelines
 - Mesa County Public Health is working with outdoor recreation facilities to implement physical distancing guidelines

DETERMINING SUCCESS DURING ALL PHASES OF REOPENING

The determination on whether the physical distancing policies are working will be based on: **1) keeping the proportion of positive tests to less than 10% of overall tests conducted**, and **2) staying below the threshold of less than 30 COVID-19 hospitalizations (from any county)** among our four local hospitals (St. Mary's, Community, Colorado Canyons, and VA Medical Center). If respective numbers for either of these measures exceeds the stated limit, actions will be taken to increase physical distancing practices in Mesa County and it may be necessary to reissue local Stay at Home orders. It is vital that everyone participate in this effort.

MESA COUNTY VARIANCE

Beginning on May 1st, the following establishments can allow customers onto their premises within the listed guidelines.

Restaurants

- Limit the number of customers to 30% of fire code capacity
- Post signs at entrances encouraging (or requiring if you choose) the public to wear cloth face coverings in order to enter the business
- Try to make accommodations for high-risk individuals (e.g. early opening, Senior hour)
- Group parties should be limited to six
- Groups shall consist only of family members and/or those in similar close relationships
- Bars shall remain **closed**, including those that are part of restaurants
- Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance in customer lines
- In-room dining shall follow strict physical distancing (6 feet)
- Maintain physical distancing (six feet) in waiting areas
- Self-serving stations shall remain **closed** (drinking stations, bulk dry, etc.)
- Don't allow public sharing of utensils or condiments
- Buffets shall have an employee serving the food, no self-serving allowed

- Monitor workforce by checking for a fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, asking if they have a severe cough that started or has gotten worse in the last 48 hours, and by asking if they have shortness of breath that started in the last 48 hours
- 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
- 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
- Implement or maintain physical barriers for high-contact settings (e.g. cashiers) when possible
- Implement touchless payment methods when possible
- Stagger shifts if feasible to decrease employee numbers at the business

Places of Worship

- Limit the number of participants to 50 people AND spread people out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals or families throughout
- Post signs at entrances encouraging (or requiring if you choose) the public to wear cloth face coverings in order to enter the business
- Consider accommodations for high-risk individuals (e.g. online viewing)
- Discourage people from attending if they are experiencing any symptoms
- Place markings on floors to maintain at least six feet distance where lines form
- Implement touchless offering and communion options as much as possible
- Monitor workforce by checking for fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, asking if they have a severe cough that started or has gotten worse in the last 48 hours, and by asking if they have shortness of breath that started in the last 48 hours
- 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 employees and volunteers shall wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while on premises, except where doing so would compromise the individual's health
- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces

Fitness Facilities

- Limit the number of clients to 30% of fire code capacity
- Post signs at entrances encouraging (or requiring if you choose) the public to wear cloth face coverings in order to enter the business
- Consider accommodations for high-risk individuals (e.g. early opening, Senior hour)
- Ask clients to exclude themselves from attending the gym if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness
- Spread people out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals throughout
- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces

- Require clients to disinfect equipment after every use
- Monitor workforce by checking for fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, asking if they have a severe cough that started or has gotten worse in the last 48 hours, and by asking if they have shortness of breath that started in the last 48 hours
- 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
- Group classes are **not allowed**
- Sport courts shall remain **closed**
- Locker rooms shall remain **closed**
- Saunas, pools (indoor and outdoor) and shared spaces shall remain **closed**
- Food/drink bars shall remain **closed**



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Sent via email to mcbocc@mesacounty.us

April 28, 2020

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RE: Mesa County Variance Request from portions of **Executive Order D 20 044** and **Public Health Order 20-28**

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your April 27, 2020 submission to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) of a variance request to portions of **Executive Order D 20 044 Safer at Home** and **Public Health Order 20-28 Safer at Home**. I have had an opportunity to review your request and consider the information provided, and determine that the request is approved, with some amendments, as explained further below.

You asked for a variance related to three specific functions, including Restaurants (CDPHE Order II.A.), Places of Worship (CDPHE Order II.B. and Appendix F.5), and Gyms (CDPHE Order II.A.4.). Your COVID-19 Suppression Plan addresses particular requirements that you propose as an alternative to the Safer at Home model for each of these areas. The data and information included in your request demonstrates a strong disease prevention and response system in Mesa County, with only 39 total COVID-19 positive cases and ongoing testing which will expand with the reopening of hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to voluntary and elective services and procedures pursuant to **Executive Order D 2020 045** and **Public Health Order 20-29**. Additionally, you have shared that your hospital and other healthcare systems are not stressed, and that you have a well-functioning public health epidemiology team as well as specific teams dedicated to particular settings, such as correctional facilities, nursing homes, and child care facilities. These are all positive indicators of a highly capable response plan to continue to address any COVID-19 disease outbreaks that may occur in Mesa County.

Regarding surveillance, you should track multiple surveillance measures including laboratory testing percent positivity as you are suggesting, and track changes in percent positivity on at least a weekly basis. Implement surveillance thresholds based on percent positivity data that

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would trigger Mesa County to revert to state Safer at Home or more conservative social distancing standards. For example, consider a threshold of two weeks of increasing percent positivity OR a weekly percent positivity value of more than 10%. The current state target for testing for COVID-19 is 10,000 tests per day. Consider adopting a similar, population adjusted target for Mesa County.

Regarding the COVID-19 Suppression Plan for reopening restaurants, I agree that reopening at a thirty percent (30%) of fire code capacity is a reasonable proposal, but have a few modifications to your list of additional requirements. First, customers must wear face coverings when entering the restaurant until seated at their tables. Restaurants cannot allow customers to wait in a lobby area for a table, rather customers should make reservations online or by phone, and every effort should be made to notify customers via text or phone call when their table is ready so no waiting in a lobby is necessary. Customers must be asked prior to entering a restaurant whether they have any symptoms of COVID-19, and any customers reporting symptoms must be excluded. Restaurant employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 7-10 days, per CDC guidance. As noted in your suppression plan, this approval is only for restaurants, bars are not authorized to open.

Places of worship may have up to fifty (50) participants. Participants must be asked whether they have COVID-19 symptoms at the door and excluded from the place of worship if symptomatic. Symptomatic employees must be excluded from the place of worship and required to remain in isolation for 7-10 days, per CDC guidance. Participants should be encouraged to wear a face covering both when entering and while present in the house of worship.

Finally, for fitness centers operating at thirty percent (30%) of fire code capacity, ill employees must be excluded from the center and required to remain in isolation for 7-10 days. Customers must be asked whether they have COVID-19 symptoms at the door and excluded from the fitness center if symptomatic. Customers should be encouraged to wear a face covering both when entering the facility and while in the facility, unless a face covering inhibits the participants ability to participate in the fitness activity. Given the many unknowns regarding how the SARS CoV-2 virus responsible for COVID-19 is spread, use of equipment in the fitness center must be limited to no closer than every other machine so that participants are not exercising right next to each other and smaller exercise rooms with poor ventilation should be discouraged from use. Finally, employees must clean and disinfect shared equipment between customer uses.

This variance approval is granted based on the facts and circumstances today as you have described them in your request; however, should circumstances change such that, for example, surges in COVID-19 transmission occurs, cases exceed the capacity for Mesa County to fully implement all effective disease control strategies as described in your request, or if resources or COVID-19 prevalence statewide in our opinion requires a different approach, CDPHE reserves the right to modify or rescind this variance approval.

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I appreciate your thoughtful approach to these challenging issues, and wish you all the best in your continuing efforts to ensure that Mesa County residents are safe and healthy as we deal with this global pandemic. Mesa County is a valued partner, and we are available to answer any questions and work with you on these matters. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Hunsaker Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "R".

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH
Executive Director



PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER MCPH2020-02

SAFER AT HOME MESA COUNTY APRIL 30, 2020

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 Mesa 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 Mesa 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 April 29, 2020 the Colorado Department of Public Health approved a Mesa County variance to portions of Executive Order D 2020 044 and Public Health Order 20-28 (See Attachment E). Mesa County demonstrated proof of two conditions, very low case counts of COVID 19 and 14 consecutive days of decline of infection of COVID-19 in the county. The Safer-at-Home Mesa County plan is approved by Mesa County Board of Public Health, Mesa County Board of County Commissioners, and is fully supported by all four hospitals.

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 and declarations. Under this authority, the Mesa 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 Mesa 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 MCPH2020-02 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 Mesa County "Safer at Home" orders can be found at health.mesacounty.us.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Best Practices for Mesa 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 Mesa 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.)
 - [Healthcare facilities](#)
 - [Postmortem care facilities](#)
 - [Laboratories](#)
 - [Other, non-healthcare facilities](#)
- 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.
- Monitor employees and volunteers for one of the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - shortness of breath/difficulty breathingor at least two of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Symptomatic employees and volunteers must be excluded from the workplace

- 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
 - [Healthcare facilities](#)
 - [Critical infrastructure workers after exposure](#)
- The following business shall remain closed:
 - 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
 - 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 so choose, as outlined in the attached documents
- Mesa 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: Fitness facilities
 - Attachment C: Places of worship
 - Attachment D: Recreation

Group gatherings

- 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

Mesa County Public Health Order 2020-02, is effective as of 12:45 p.m. April 30, 2020. This order will be amended to include details for phase 2 and 3 when appropriate. This Order shall expire six (6) weeks from April 30, 2020, unless extended further.

Each of the Safer at Home phases assumes a two week period. The decision to move into the next phase, stay at the current phase, or go back to Stay at Home will be made by Mesa County Public Health based on the rate of positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Mesa County.

Effective date: April 30, 2020

BY ORDER OF



Jeffrey G. Kuhr, PhD
Director of Public Health
Mesa County, Colorado



Approved by the Mesa County Public Board of Health on April 30, 2020 at 12:45 p.m. MDT

Attachment A: Restaurants

Restaurants are encouraged to continue to do business through take-out, delivery, and curbside pickup. If restaurants so choose, they can provide limited dine-in service. We understand there may be concerns about staff safety, and about whether certain facilities are conducive to successful implementation of social distancing best practices. Therefore, this partial opening opportunity is completely voluntary. Restaurants that choose to open their dining spaces may do so under the following guidelines. Please take the necessary time to make sure each of these items is adequately addressed before opening to the public:

- Limit the number of customers in your dining space to 30% of your fire/building code capacity
- Do not allow customers to wait in the lobby area or in lines outside the door for a table
 - Implement a reservation system
 - Notify customers via text or phone call when their table is ready
- Post signs at entrances regarding face coverings, and post signs throughout the facility as needed to remind the customers of social distancing and proper hygiene guidelines
- Customers are required to wear cloth face coverings in order to enter the business, and to keep their face coverings in place until they've reached their table
- Make reasonable accommodations for vulnerable individuals who are still under the Stay at Home advisement. (e.g. seating assistance, special hours)
- Ask customers if they are experiencing any symptoms prior to seating them in the dining area. If they are, do not allow them to enter
- Group parties shall be limited to six members of a single household
- Bars shall remain **closed**, including those that are part of restaurants
- Implement one-way entry/exit, and directional walkways as much as possible
- In-room dining shall follow strict physical distancing practices (6 feet)
- Spread people/tables out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals
- Self-serving stations shall remain **closed** (drinking stations, bulk dry, etc.)
- Don't allow public sharing of utensils or condiment containers
- Buffets shall have an employee serving the food, no self-serving allowed
- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces
- Monitor employees for one of the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - shortness of breath/difficulty breathingor at least two of the following symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell

Symptomatic employees must be excluded from the workplace

- 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
- Implement or maintain physical barriers for high-contact settings (e.g. cashiers)
- Implement touchless payment methods when possible
- Stagger shifts if feasible to decrease employee numbers at the business

Attachment B: Fitness Facilities

Gyms, health clubs, and other similar fitness facilities can open their facilities for limited use. We understand there may be concerns about staff safety, and about whether certain facilities are conducive to successful implementation of social distancing best practices. Therefore, this partial opening opportunity is completely voluntary. Fitness facilities that choose to open for use may do so under the following guidelines. Please take the necessary time to make sure each of these items is adequately addressed before opening your doors:

- Limit the number of customers to 30% of your fire/building code capacity
- Do not allow customers to wait in the lobby area or in lines outside the door
- Customers shall wear a face covering both when entering the facility and while in the facility
- Post signs at entrances and throughout the facility as needed to remind customers of face coverings, social distancing, and proper hygiene guidelines
- Make reasonable accommodations for vulnerable individuals who are still under the Stay at Home advisement. (e.g. assistance with equipment cleaning, special hours)
- Ask customers to exclude themselves from using the facility if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness
- Implement one-way entry/exit, and directional walkways as much as possible
- Spread people out so there is at least 10 feet distance between individuals throughout
- Except for members of a single household, sharing equipment is prohibited
- Require customers to disinfect equipment after every use or require employees to disinfect shared equipment between customer uses
- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces
- Monitor employees for one of the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - shortness of breath/difficulty breathingor at least two of the following symptoms:
 - Fever
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- 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
- One-on-one personal training is allowed while strictly adhering to social distancing guidelines
- Group classes are **not allowed**
- Sport courts shall remain **closed**

- Locker rooms shall remain **closed**
- Saunas, pools (indoor and outdoor) and shared spaces shall remain **closed**
- Food/drink bars shall remain **closed**
- On-site childcare facilities shall remain **closed**

Attachment C: Places of Worship

Places of worship are encouraged to continue online or drive-up services as much as possible. For activities within a facility, places of worship are allowed to increase the number of participants, if they so choose, as outlined in the following guidelines:

- Limit the number of guests to no more than 50, provided there's at least six feet distance between individuals or between groups, which shall consist only of members of a single household
- Do not allow guests to wait in the lobby area or in lines outside the door
- Post signs at entrances and throughout the facility as needed to encourage face coverings and to remind guests of social distancing and proper hygiene guidelines
- Make reasonable accommodations for vulnerable individuals who are still under the Stay at Home advisement. (e.g. online viewing, visits to their home). Discourage any such individual from traveling to and/or entering the facility
- Do not allow anyone to attend any event/activity in person if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness
- Implement one-way entry/exit, and directional walkways as much as possible
- Place markings on floors to maintain at least six feet distance where lines might form
- Spread people out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals or between groups, which shall consist only of members of a single household
- Implement touchless offering and communion options as much as possible
- Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces
- Monitor employees and volunteers for one of the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - shortness of breath/difficulty breathingor at least two of the following symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell

Symptomatic employees and volunteers must be excluded from the premises

- 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 employees and volunteers shall wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while on premises, except where doing so would compromise the individual's health

Attachment D: Recreation

Local recreation facilities can be open to the public under the following guidelines. Mesa County or any municipality can enact stricter orders as they see fit.

- Group gatherings shall contain no more than 10 people
- Parks facilities conducive to gathering including shelters, picnic areas, and playgrounds shall remain **closed**
- Swim beaches shall remain **closed**
- League or pick-up sports are **prohibited** at this time
- Park facilities that enable social distancing such as trails, green space, tennis courts, and golf courses will remain open
- Golfers shall maintain physical distance of 6 feet at all times
- Motorized golf carts shall contain no more than one golfer; members of a single household can ride together in the same cart
- Golfers should avoid sharing clubs and golf balls
- Maintain physical distancing in outdoor settings (6 feet while hiking, 15 feet while running or biking)
- Outdoor recreation facilities can remain open to the public whenever adequate controls can be implemented to ensure physical distancing (six feet)
- Monitor employees and volunteers for one of the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - shortness of breath/difficulty breathingor at least two of the following symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell

Symptomatic employees and volunteers must be excluded from the premises

- 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
- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces
- Only essential travel allowed; avoid traveling outside of your county or local community for recreation