

**NOTICE OF FIRST EXTENSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
ORDER 20-001 CLOSING BARS, RESTAURANTS, THEATRES, CASINOS,
AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) is working to stop the spread of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). To support this effort, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), I find it necessary to extend JCPH Order 20-001, which closed down certain facilities in Jefferson County, Colorado in an effort to protect and preserve the public health.

FINDINGS

1. COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in late 2019, and since then has spread to over 60 countries, including the United States. As of April 7, 2020, there are 5,429 known positive cases of COVID-19 state-wide in Colorado, and 589 known positive cases in Jefferson County, Colorado, as well as 179 deaths related to COVID-19 state-wide and 23 deaths in Jefferson County.

2. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness transmitted like other respiratory illness through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic anywhere from two to fourteen days after exposure. Symptoms include fever, cough or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Individuals with serious chronic health conditions and older adults are most at risk for becoming very ill with this disease.

3. On March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a State of Emergency relating to the presence of COVID-19.

4. On March 13, 2020, the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners declared a COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency, which was extended by the full Board of County Commissioners through Resolution CC20-055 on March 16, 2020, until April 16, 2020, unless sooner amended, extended, or rescinded by the Board.

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

ORDER

6. On March 18, 2020, I issued JCPH Order 20-001 closing bars, restaurants, theatres, casinos, and public buildings in Jefferson County, subject to certain limited exceptions. JCPH Order 20-001 currently expires at midnight on April 16, 2020, unless further extended.

7. Among other things, JCPH Order 20-001 expressly incorporated all public health orders issued by CDPHE or the Governor of Colorado relating to COVID-19.

8. On April 6, 2020, Governor Polis announced that Executive Order D 2020 017, requiring Coloradans to Stay-At-Home, which was set to expire on April 10, 2020, now is extended through April 26, 2020.

9. Because the health conditions that led me to issue JCPH Order 20-001 have not abated, I hereby extend JCPH Order 20-001 through midnight on April 26, 2020, unless earlier amended, extended, or rescinded by the Director of JCPH.

Along with CDPHE, JCPH is tasked with protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Jefferson County by investigating and controlling cases of epidemic and communicable disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. Immediate issuance of this Order is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare.

Pursuant to this First Extension, JCPH Public Health Order 20-001, as extended, shall be in effect from March 18, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., and continuing until midnight on April 26, 2020, unless earlier amended, extended, or rescinded by the Director of JCPH.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PENALTIES CONTAINED IN C.R.S. § 25-1-114.1 and 25-1-516, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO ONE YEAR.



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Date