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## San Juan County Second Homeowners & Summer Businesses

Thinking of visiting your part-time home in San Juan County and Silverton to enjoy the abundant trails, waters, peaks and sunshine? Do you have a summer business you wish to return to now? We ask that you wait for a little while longer to help protect our community.

Under the Public Health order, visitors are not permitted, and anyone coming from out of the County will be required to be under a two week quarantine period. This means, no trips to the grocery store, post office, bank or any other public places, while practising strict “social distancing” while outside your home.

While the primary residents of San Juan County are working to weather the coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis, “non-resident homeowners are strongly encouraged to leave San Juan County and return to their primary place of residence,” according to the San Juan County Public Health Order to limit the spread of this deadly COVID-19 virus. Proper Social Distancing is critical at this time as well as adhering to the current State of Colorado Stay at Home Order that is still in place.

- Resources: Silverton/San Juan County has extremely limited supplies with 1 grocery store and very few essential businesses open and no COVID-19 testing capabilities.
- Healthcare: Silverton and San Juan County have a Paramedic EMS, Silverton Clinic (open only one day a week) and a small, limited Public Health office. The closest definitive healthcare is 1.5 hours either to the North or South. La Plata and Montrose counties are experiencing vast community spread of COVID-19 and their health care infrastructure could easily be overwhelmed.
- Altitude: San Juan County’s rarefied air at 9,318 feet elevation is not well suited for a respiratory illness such as COVID-19.
- **If you come into San Juan County from outside of our County you will be required to self-quarantine for a minimum 14 days and be prepared with enough food and supplies to last that duration in your home or business. It only takes one exposure to start the spread of COVID-19 in our vulnerable community.**
- Please remember our aging population. We have a high percentage of Seniors in our community who we work hard to protect. Help us continue to try to do that.



We miss you and can't wait to see you again. Just please not until we begin to reverse the aggressive trend of this global pandemic in our neck of the woods. We also ask current residents "Is that trip to Montrose or Durango really an essential trip? Is it really worth the risk of picking up and bringing home the virus into our community?" Residents are now asked to wear a face covering and practice diligent hand washing if you are going to leave our community for your essential errand. If you are going into enclosed spaces with higher concentration of people (such as grocery stores, etc), you will be asked to quarantine for 2 weeks when you return to our county. This means no trips to the post office, grocery store, etc. It is imperative that the person under Quarantine severely restrict their movement and stay at least 6 feet away from anyone else outside of their household. We remind you that just because you show no symptoms or feel great today does not mean that you are a non-symptomatic carrier.

Help San Juan County stay healthy and avoid spreading COVID-19 in our community simply by not returning to San Juan County at this critical time.

For more information [www.sanjuancolorado.us](http://www.sanjuancolorado.us)

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