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PRESS RELEASE San Juan County, Colorado

SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER UPDATED AND DATE EXTENDED

San Juan County and Town of Silverton residents continue to remain ordered to stay at home, are still allowed to leave the town only for essential errands (food and medications) but are encouraged to wear a face covering, practice diligent handwashing and limit their exposure as much as possible to reduce risk of transmission and spread to each community. Outdoor activity with strict social distancing practices is still required. However, If anyone leaves the County and travels to a population center containing COVID-19, they are asked that they take appropriate measures upon their return up to and including a 14-day quarantine. Visitors to San Juan County Colorado are directed to return home immediately. All lodging, including motels & vacation rentals, are to continue to cease operations and take no new check-ins until the expiration of the Public Health Order.

Second homeowners and seasonal residents returning to a summer dwelling are discouraged from coming to San Juan County and if such persons enter the County, they shall follow the mandatory 14-day quarantine per public health order. The quarantine is used to separate people believed to have been exposed, in this case, to COVID-19 in the event they are infected. This means no trips to the post office, grocery store, etc. It is imperative that the person severely restrict their movement and stay at least 6 feet away from anyone else. It also means that when going outside the home when absolutely necessary, such as letting a dog out, or going for a walk, hike, ski or bike, it is necessary to avoid anyone who isn't in your immediate family and household.

Locals are to wear a mask when leaving the county for essential tasks and asked to reduce trips outside of the county unless absolutely necessary. Exemptions to the Order are provided for Essential Activities, Essential Businesses and Minimum Basic Operations. **Highway 550 is open to through traffic and is under the jurisdiction of the Colorado Department of Transportation.**

NEW TO EXISTING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER:

- Non-residential homeowners and seasonal residents are discouraged from coming to their home in San Juan County. If such persons enter the County, they shall follow the mandatory 14-day quarantine.
- If anyone leaves the County and travels to a population center containing COVID-19, they are asked that they take appropriate measures upon their return up to and including a 14-day quarantine.
- Current construction crews working on projects in San Juan County are exempt if workers are permanent residents in San Juan County and follow Social Distancing Requirements to reduce risk of exposure. Residential and commercial construction including completion, renovation, demolition and remediation of sites may otherwise continue to operate so long as in compliance



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with this Order in reference to the Social Distancing Requirements and limiting persons on site to no more than 5 people at a time. New construction is not allowed during the duration of this order unless the project is necessary for public health and safety AND the contractors are permanent residents not traveling back and forth from another county. Construction workers who are not permanent residents are banned from working on projects for the entirety of this order. Restrictions contained in this paragraph shall take effect at 11:59 PM, April, 6th, 2020

- All locals are to wear a mask when leaving the county for essential business tasks following new CDC guidance.
- Public Health order is extended until April 30th, 2020.

The order is in place until April 30th, 2020. The Public Health Order follows Colorado Revised Statutes per §25-1.5-102(1)(c) and §25-1-506(3)(b)(VI), C.R.S., respectively. The local public health agency has the authority to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine and exercise physical control over property and the persons of the people within a Colorado jurisdiction to protect public health and safety.

www.sanjuancolorado.us to read the entire SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

For more information on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Colorado go to: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>

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