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## SAN JUAN COUNTY COLORADO PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER IN PROCESS OF BEING AMENDED AND EXTENDED

San Juan County Colorado Public Health announces that local Public Health Order 2020-03 will be amended and released by Friday, May 1st and extended to Friday May 15th, 2020. The State of Colorado will release the 'Safer at Home Executive Order' on Monday April 27th. An adjustment period will last until May 1st, allowing businesses time to prepare for the new Executive Order. In Colorado, local Public Health Orders may be more restrictive than State-wide orders. San Juan County plans to align with the Governor's 'Safer at Home' order with some exceptions to match our local situation.

### Reopening Plan for May 2020

Becky Joyce, Director of San Juan County Public Health says *"Our goal is to maintain a manageable level of COVID19 transmission. We have successfully limited exposure to our community and have not overwhelmed our local or regional health systems. Our community will be better protected if we continue social distancing and wear face coverings when around people outside our households and following guidelines issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. I really look forward to summer residents gradually returning but they will still need to quarantine for 2 weeks. With these precautions, I believe that we can start to re-open businesses while protecting our vulnerable populations."*

### Reporting Update

The April 25th 2020 COVID19 CDPHE Situation Report mis-attributed 1 positive case to San Juan County CO. The case was in San Juan County UT. We are working on getting the error corrected in the Colorado State reporting system. San Juan County CO continues to have no confirmed or reported COVID19 cases. Our team is maintaining situational awareness on all aspects of this incident and are providing our best information available.

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For the most up to date information on how to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19, visit San Juan County's website at [sanjuancolorado.us](http://sanjuancolorado.us) and the State of Colorado COVID19 website: [Colorado COVID-19 webpage](https://www.colorado.gov/covid19).

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