



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **NCHD Response to Public Health Orders**

Sterling, Colo. – March 31, 2020: On March 25, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) amended the Public Health Order closing all Colorado bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, casinos, noncritical personal services facilities, and horse track and off-track betting facilities to include all businesses except critical businesses outlined by the order. The order also forbids gatherings of people and mandated those that are sick or have been exposed to the virus to self-isolate or quarantine to protect the public health.

A critical business is any business engaged in healthcare, infrastructure, critical retail which includes grocery and hardware, manufacturing, critical services, news media, financial institutions, basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations, construction, and defense. All must comply with clean and safe work environment guidance and social distancing requirements. For more information on all of Colorado's public health orders please go to <https://covid19.colorado.gov/public-health-executive-orders-explained>.

People must follow the stay in place order unless performing necessary activities or working for critical businesses or maintaining critical governmental functions.

This means Coloradans should not be leaving their homes except for critical activities including:

- Obtaining food and other household necessities including medicine
- Going to and from work if you are a critical employee
- Seeking medical care
- Caring for dependents or pets
- Caring for a vulnerable person in another location
- Cannabis and liquor stores will remain open
- Or participating in outdoor recreation at a legally-mandated safe distance of six feet or more from other parties

NCHD has received calls and messages asking what to do if a business or individual is identified as not complying with this public health order. As a valued member of our community, you are on the front lines for encouraging others to follow the orders. If a business is not abiding by the orders or if an individual is violating the Stay At Home Order you can do one of the following:

- If you feel comfortable, reach out to the business on social media or local media outlets and educate them on the Public Health Orders and ask them to follow voluntary compliance.
- If they fail to respond, you may fill out the complaint form linked to NCHD's website: <https://www.nchd.org/co>

You will be notified that we have received your request and are working on the issue. Depending on the information taken, we may or may not contact you for further information.

Information about COVID-19 is constantly changing, and the public health response adjusts as we learn more about this virus. Reliable, up-to-date information is available at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/> or by calling CO HELP at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911

or email them at [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto:COHELP@RMPDC.org), for answers in English, Spanish (Español),  
Mandarin (普通话), and more.

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