

ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioners' Daily COVID-19 Agenda

April 22, 2020

LIVE AUDIO WILL BE AVAILABLE BY CALLING 1 (669) 900-6833.

MEETING ID: 522 308 0487

PASSWORD: 522

The Routt County Board of County Commissioners or Board of Health may enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice related to specific legal questions concerning Routt County's COVID-19 response.

1. 10:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

2. ECONOMIC REVIEW

Kelly Keith, County Human Services; John Bristol, Steamboat Chamber; and Jessica Valand, Work Force Development, will present an economic review.

Documents:

[BCC AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FORM_ ECONOMIC REVIEW.PDF](#)
[ERROUTT COUNTY POWERPOINT TEMPLATE.PDF](#)

3. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, MANUAL WARRANTS, AND PAYROLL

Tabled from April 21, 2020 meeting.

4. COVID-19 WORK SESSION

The Commissioners will address critical items for regular county and emergency operations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Action may be taken and direction to staff may be given in relation to any of these items.

5. WEEKLY BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

Presenters: Public Health Director Kari Ladrow and Dr. Harrington

Documents:

[TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING.PDF](#)
[METRIC AREAS FOR EASING RESTRICTIONS.PDF](#)

CONSIDERATION OF AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS 2020-01 AND 02

Consideration of and Adoption of Amendments to Public Health Orders 2020-01 concerning lodging and 2020-01 concerning gatherings in order to extend these orders through May 10, 2020.

Documents:

[AMEND PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS COMMUNICATIONS FORM 4-20-20.PDF](#)
[PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER GATHERING AMENDED 4-20-2020 DRAFT.PDF](#)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment will be heard on any item except quasi-judicial land use items. County Commissioners will take public comment under consideration but will not make any decision or take action at this time.

1. DUE TO THE CURRENT PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST CITIZENS ATTEND THE MEETINGS VIA PHONE. Because public access to the Courthouse has been curtailed we request public comment be submitted in writing to bcc@co.routt.co.us. Public comments will be entered into the record. Please indicate in the subject line of your message that it is public comment and reference the agenda item to which it relates.

7. 1:00 P.M. MEETING ADJOURNED

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ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: 4/22/2020	ITEM TIME:

FROM:	
TODAY'S DATE:	
AGENDA TITLE:	Economic Review
CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:	
ACTION ITEM	
DIRECTION	
X INFORMATION	
I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:	
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II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (<i>motion</i>):	
III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):	
PROPOSED REVENUE (<i>if applicable</i>):	
CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0.00	
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED: YES NO	
.	
IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):	



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V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: Supplemental Budget Request



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ECONOMIC REVIEW

4/22/2020

COVID IMPACTS TO WORKFORCE ROUTT COUNTY

JESSICA VALAND, DIRECTOR
NORTHWEST WORKFORCE AREA
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR &
EMPLOYMENT



ROUTT COUNTY WORKFORCE STATISTICS

15,591 in Workforce (QCEW 2019)

Largest industries, by FTE:

- Government (15%)
- Accommodation & Food Service(14%)
- Retail (10%)
- Arts & Recreation(10%)
- Construction (9%)

ROUTT COUNTY WORKFORCE STATISTICS

Largest occupations:

- Food Prep & Servicing (2,098)
- Admin Support (2,067)
- Retail Sales (2,039)
- Construction (1,707)
- Maintenance/Repair (992)
- *Personal Care (916)*

UI CLAIMS FILING BY INDUSTRY: MARCH 21ST

Top 10 Colorado Claims by Detailed Industry -- Week Ending 3/21/2020

Rank	4-digit NAICS Code	NAICS Title	Share of Claims with Identifiable Industry
1	7225	Restaurants and other eating places	37.0%
2	7211	Traveler accommodation	8.9%
3	6212	Offices of dentists	6.6%
4	8121	Personal care services	5.7%
5	7139	Other amusement and recreation industries	4.3%
6	7224	Drinking places, alcoholic beverages	3.6%
7	7223	Special food services	1.9%
8	5613	Employment services	1.7%
9	6213	Offices of other health practitioners	1.4%
10	2382	Building equipment contractors	1.0%
		Top 10 Total Share	72.1%

UI CLAIMS FILING BY INDUSTRY: MARCH 28TH

Top 10 Colorado Claims by Detailed Industry -- Week Ending 3/28/2020

Rank	4-digit NAICS Code	NAICS Title	Share of Claims with Identifiable Industry
1	7225	Restaurants and other eating places	21.8%
2	7211	Traveler accommodation	6.9%
3	8121	Personal care services	6.1%
4	6212	Offices of dentists	6.0%
5	7139	Other amusement and recreation industries	4.9%
6	6213	Offices of other health practitioners	2.6%
7	4411	Automobile dealers	2.3%
8	5613	Employment services	2.1%
9	6211	Offices of physicians	1.8%
10	7224	Drinking places, alcoholic beverages	1.8%
		Top 10 Total Share	56.3%

UI CLAIMS FILING BY INDUSTRY: APRIL 4TH

Top 10 Colorado Claims by Detailed Industry -- Week Ending 4/4/2020

Rank	4-digit NAICS Code	NAICS Title	Share of Claims with Identifiable Industry
1	7225	Restaurants and other eating places	14.1%
2	7139	Other amusement and recreation industries	5.6%
3	7211	Traveler accommodation	5.5%
4	6212	Offices of dentists	5.0%
5	8121	Personal care services	3.1%
6	4411	Automobile dealers	2.7%
7	5613	Employment services	2.5%
8	6213	Offices of other health practitioners	2.5%
9	6211	Offices of physicians	2.4%
10	4522	Department stores	2.4%
		Top 10 Total Share	45.7%

UI CLAIM FILING BY COUNTY: 3/7-4/4/20

<i>County</i>	<i>Total Workforce</i>	<i>UI Claims Filed</i>	<i>% of Workforce</i>
Lake	2,391	489	20.45%
Summit	20,870	2,902	13.91%
Eagle	34,030	4,566	13.42%
Grand	7,924	981	12.38%
Routt	15,591	1,816	11.65%
Pitkin	16,712	1,647	9.86%
Garfield	26,997	2,496	9.25%

MOST SIGNIFICANT COVID-IMPACTED BUSINESSES

- Restaurant & eating establishments
- Traveler accommodation
- Arts & recreation
- Personal care
- *Government*

CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE

- Social distancing will continue (Governor requesting 45-65% reduction from “normal” until vaccine/herd immunity), restricting all non-essential travel and congregation of groups >10
- Routt’s dominant industries are dependant upon *significant* ability for travel and socialization (or derived tax revenue from those activities)
- Relaxed social distancing could be retracted in the event of an outbreak (uncertainty)
- Federal funding to shore up businesses and laid off workers is set to expire no later than mid-summer (maximum UI payments 39 total weeks)
- Local businesses may ‘open’, but demand will be reduced

CONSIDERATIONS FOR FALL-WINTER

- Likely continued social distancing in many core businesses for foreseeable future, combined with reduced travel
- Some businesses will not re-open, depending on duration of shut down/loss of revenue/workforce
- Can those that do reopen operate at significantly reduced revenue for a sustained period of time?
- Susceptibility to other economic impacts (e.g. fires, bad snow year, coal, etc) is compounded
- What does Routt County's economy with 50% fewer tourists look like?

HUMAN SERVICES INFORMATION

Self-Sufficiency/Economic Security	2019 Total	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Total New Applications	1118	117	107	272	275	
Total Ongoing Cases	Average 2610	2,520	2,275	2,498		
ALL Programs - EBT	\$1,793,934	\$174,442	\$158,516			
Food Assistance	2019 Total	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
New Applications - Expedited	203	16	17	45	50	
New Applications - Regular	462	39	42	101	90	
Ongoing Households	394	364	332	415		
Benefits Paid	\$926,116	\$64,800	\$60,551			
Colorado Health First (Medical Assistance)	2019	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
New Applications	547	56	44	109	90	
Recipients Medicaid	3,052	2,964	2,915	3,268		
CHP+	334	301	303	383		

HUMAN SERVICES INFORMATION

Colorado Works - TANF	2019	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Basic Cash Assistance Cases	Average 18	19	14	25	35
One Time Diversion Cases	16	2	1	0	3
Benefits Paid	\$87,072	\$10,074	\$6,715		
Front Desk Contacts	2019	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Phone	4885	299	353	563	600
Walk Ins	5038	412	390	322*	0

HUMAN SERVICES INFORMATION

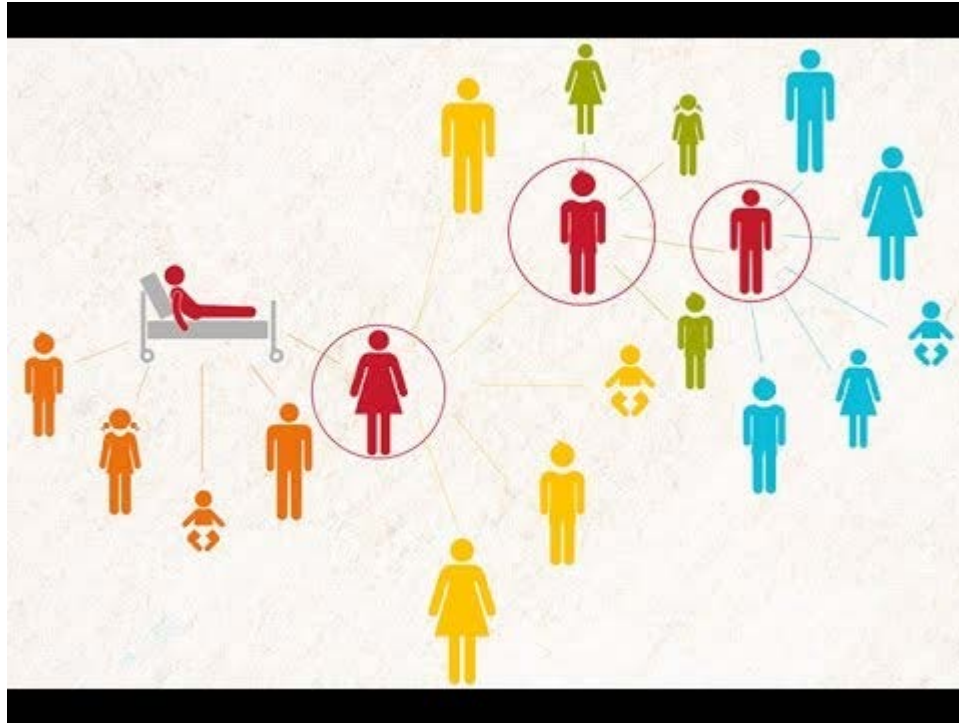
- Lowest income families likely to take a while to recover.
- Continue to see increase in need and assistance.
- People seeking rental assistance, car repairs, utility assistance.
- Significant increase in TANF requests/applications.



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Testing and Contact Tracing Planning for Transition



4 Federal Criteria for Transition

- ▶ Sustained reduction in cases for 14 days
- ▶ Hospitals able to treat all patients requiring hospitalization without resorting to crisis standards of care
- ▶ Able to test all people with COVID 19 Symptoms
- ▶ Able to conduct active monitoring of confirmed cases and their contacts

TESTING CAPACITY STRATEGY

MICRO LEVEL

Contact Tracing Testing

Individuals sent to UC Health Testing Site for Testing

Needs:

-Agreement with UC Health to test Contact Tracing Cases (testing outside of their criteria)

-Contact Tracing Staffing to coordinate referrals to testing within 24 hours of positive COVID-19 identification

MEZZO LEVEL

Community Testing Events Twice Weekly based on Demand

Needs:

-Location
-Nursing Staff (4 Nursing Staff Wed, Sat) plus 3 Volunteers
-Alternative Locations (South Routt, Hayden)

UC Health Testing And Clinics Obtaining Testing Supplies Ongoing Basis

Needs:

-Clinics Ordering Supplies

MACRO LEVEL

Surveillance Testing of Population through Random Sampling

Needs:

-Nursing staff test samples of the population (Demographic variance, Age Variance, Socio-economic variance)

OTHER:

Antigen/Serology Testing as Available

Contact Tracing Strategy

- ▶ Recommendation 1/1000 residents for contact tracing. Requesting 1/5000 for staffing and 1/1000 trained staff
- ▶ 7 day per week coverage needed
- ▶ Identification of 5 County Employees/Volunteers for contact tracing cases
- ▶ Two Contact Tracing Teams- one weekday 8-5, one evenings and weekends
- ▶ Process: Positive COVID-19 test result received. Within 6 hours of identification of case, contact tracing done, isolation orders issued electronically and self-quarantine recommendations made
- ▶ Referral to UC Health testing center for COVID-19 testing

Daily Staffing for COVID-19 Post Suppression/Re-open Strategy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. Test Day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Test Day
Contract RN TEAM B WEEKEND	RC Nurse Contract RN TEAM A 8-5 TEAM B PM	RC Nurse Contract RN TEAM A 8-5 TEAM B PM	RC Nurse 2 Contract RN TEAM A 8-5 TEAM B PM	RC Nurse Contract RN TEAM A 8-5 TEAM B PM	RC Nurse Contract RN TEAM A 8-5 TEAM B PM	3 Contract RN TEAM B WEEKEND
Testing, Contract Tracing, Isolation Orders, Referrals	Testing, Contract Tracing, Isolation Orders, Referrals	Testing, Contract Tracing, Isolation Orders, Referrals	Varying Locations	Testing, Contract Tracing, Isolation Orders, Referrals	Testing, Contract Tracing, Isolation Orders, Referrals	Varying Locations

Function	Number of Public Health Staff	Number of County Staff	Length of Time Needed
Contact Tracing	1 RC PH Nurse M-F	1/1000= 25 Staff Trained 1/5000= 5 Staff Active 3 Weekday Staff 2 Weekend Staff	4/20/20- 6/30/20 and reassess TEAM A: 8-5 pm M-Friday TEAM B: Evenings, 8-5 pm Sat, Sunday
Testing and Clinical	1 RC PH Nurse M-F 1 Contract RN M-F 2 Contract RNs W 3 Contract RNs Saturday	0	4/20/20-6/30/20 and reassess
Other Needs/ Community Testing Needs		3 County Staff for ID checks, traffic direction	4/20/20-6/30/20
UC Health- Testing Site Availability for Contact Tracing Cases	PH Staff needed to help at the site as needed UC Health Site capacity	0	4/20/20-6/30/20

Metric Areas for Easing Public Health COVID 19 Restrictions

1. **Disease prevalence has been decreasing and is now low**
 - Assessment of impact of previous public health actions completed
 - 14 days of decreased disease burden
 - New cases per day sorted by symptom onset has been analyzed
 - Positive case rates (#positive cases/#tested per day) has been analyzed
 - Self-reported symptom tracker
 - Analysis of decrease in Hospital admissions for COVID 19
 - Analysis of COVID deaths in county
 - Monitoring for any new outbreaks
2. **Health care system capacity can handle a potential surge of COVID cases**
 - Number of hospital and critical care beds sufficient
 - Medical surge plan
 - Ventilators are adequate for surge potential
 - Transfer network in place for critical patients.
 - Adequate Personal Protective Equipment supplies
3. **Adequate testing capacity to rapidly diagnose cases and aid in case contact tracing**
 - Minimum of 24-48 hour turnaround time for test results. (Point of care testing with 1 hour results would be ideal.)
4. **Public health staffing is adequate**
 - Case investigations, contact tracing, and issuance of isolation orders can occur within 24 hours
 - Test collection can occur every day of the week
 - Monitoring of active cases
5. **Maintaining Preventative Measures**
 - Vulnerable Population Protection Measures in Place
 - Social Distancing Occurring <https://www.unacast.com/covid19/social-distancing-scoreboard>
 - Cloth Masks available and utilized by the public

Not a must have but would speed up “return to normal”

6. **Effective treatment of active infection**- None yet, except supportive care. No proven medication.
7. **Antibody Testing**- Could be used to determine individuals with prior infection and immunity, and guide return to full activities
8. **Vaccine** A vaccine is well over a year off
9. **Herd Immunity**- Depending on natural herd immunity to develop with a new, unchecked, highly infectious virus like COVID 19 could suddenly overwhelm the medical system and result in many unnecessary deaths. Delaying infections “flattens the curve” and buys time for the development of effective treatments and a vaccine. Adequate herd immunity to prevent community spread could require a total population infection rate of 75%-95%.

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AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: April 22, 2020	ITEM TIME:
FROM:	Erick Knaus/Lynaia South
TODAY'S DATE:	April 20, 2020
AGENDA TITLE:	Consideration of and Adoption of Amendments to Public Health Orders 2020-01 and 2020-02
CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION ITEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	
I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:	
Consideration of and adoption of amendments to Public Health Order 2020-01 concerning lodging and 2020-02 concerning gatherings to extend those orders through May 10.	
II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:	
Motion to approve amendments.	
III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):	
PROPOSED REVENUE:	
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
N/A	
IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):	
N/A	
V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	
<p>On March 24, the Routt County Board of Health adopted Public Health Order 2020-01 concerning lodging and Public Health Order 2020-02 concerning limitations on the size of gatherings. The proposed amendments will extend those orders through May 10. In addition to extending those orders, the May 10 date will align these two orders with the expiration date of Public Health Order 2020-03.</p>	

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VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

N/A

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

N/A

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

Other options include extending the orders to a different date or letting the orders expire.

AMENDED STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 2020-02
LIMITING GATHERINGS OF PEOPLE
ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Recitals

A. Routt County Resolution 2009-018, established the Routt County Public Health Agency, pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-1-506, designating the Board of County Commissioners of Routt County as the Routt County Board of Health (“Board of Health”).

B. Public Health has the statutory authority to investigate and control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health, as well as to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and to exercise physical control over persons within its jurisdiction as necessary for the protection of public health. C.R.S. § 25-1-506 (3)(b)(V) and (VI).

C. Public Health has the statutory authority to close schools and public places and to prohibit gatherings of people when necessary to protect public health. C.R.S. § 25-1-506.

D. Public Health has jurisdiction for both incorporated and unincorporated Routt County. C.R.S. § 25-1-506(2)(a).

E. The Director General of the World Health Organization has declared that COVID-19 constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and characterized it as a pandemic. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has declared COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency. On March 10, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis declared a State of Disaster Emergency and he extended that Declaration on April 8, 2020. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has confirmed that COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the State of Colorado, and community transmission of the illness has been confirmed in Routt County. On March 13, 2020, Routt County declared a local disaster.

F. In consultation with the Routt County Public Health Director and the Routt County Public Health Medical Officer, the Board of Health issues these orders to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

G. These actions are some of the most available and effective tools to help slow the spread of the virus in our community – and, importantly, to reduce the number of potential deaths caused by COVID-19. By slowing the spread, we have a chance to protect our family, friends, and neighbors who are at risk for severe illness. In particular, this includes all adults over age 60 and anyone with an underlying health condition.

These actions will limit the cascading impacts on critical services due to high absenteeism if large numbers of workers become ill. This Order and actions will help hospitals, first responders, and other healthcare services continue to provide services for those who need them (along with utilities, human services, and businesses) in the coming weeks and months. Collective action can save lives and is in support of the most vulnerable in our community. The more united we can be in preventing the spread the greater the benefit for the whole community.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. This Order is effective within the entirety of Routt County, including all cities and towns within the County.

2. The issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable and necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

3. All individuals within Routt County shall limit their gathering with other individuals who are not in their immediate household. Any gathering of five or more people who are not members of the same household is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to outdoor activities, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or standing. Gatherings of any number of people shall comply with any state or local rules, orders, or guidelines regarding social distancing, including the Social Distancing Requirements set forth herein.

4. All businesses that are open must meet the requirements of Routt County Public Health Order 2020-03. ~~remain open must meet the following Mitigation Requirements:~~

~~a. — Businesses smaller than 1,000 square feet shall limit its customers to no more than five in the business at any one time. The Social Distancing Requirements must be met.~~

~~b. — Businesses larger than 1,000 square feet may allow more customers at any one time so long as the Social Distancing Requirements are met and those Requirements are posted in an obvious fashion at each entry to the business.~~

~~c. — All businesses must have a cleaning process in place to reduce cross-contamination by customers when using pens, credit card machines, counters, gas pumps, and any other item that is touched by more than one person.~~

~~d. — The Social Distancing Requirements include, but are not limited to, while customers are standing in checkout line, while customers are standing in line to enter the business, and while shopping or otherwise conducting their business.~~

5. Social Distancing Requirements include:

- a. Limiting contact of people at least 6 feet from each other
- b. Limiting contact to less than 10 minutes
- c. Washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer
- d. Covering coughs or sneezes into the sleeve or elbows

- e. Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces
- f. Not shaking hands

6. For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, daycares, child care and schools, gatherings at governmental meetings and functions, and gatherings necessary for employment are exempt from this Order.

7. **Most Restrictive Standard Controls.** To the extent any State and/or Federal orders or laws are more restrictive than what is set forth herein, such orders control.

8. **Judicial Review.** Any person aggrieved and affected by this Order has the right to request judicial review by filing an action with the Routt County District Court within 90 days of the date of this Order, pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-1-515. However, you must continue to obey the terms of this Order while your request for review is pending.

9. **Penalties.** Failure to comply with this Order is subject to the penalties contained in C.R.S. §§ 25-1-516 and 18-1.3-501, including a fine of up to five thousand (\$5,000) dollars and imprisonment in the county jail for up to eighteen (18) months and may subject the person to a civil action for damages.

10. This Order is effective as of 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2020 and is in effect as extended by this Amendment through May 10, 2020, unless extended or earlier rescinded.

ORDERED THIS ____ day of April, 2020.

BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO.

Timothy V. Corrigan, Chair

ATTEST:

Kim Bonner,
Routt County Clerk and Recorder

**AMENDED STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 2020-01
PROHIBITING SHORT TERM LODGING
ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Recitals

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. This Order is effective within the entirety of Routt County, including all cities and towns within the County.

2. The issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable and necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

3. All short term lodging (30 days or less), including but not limited to hotels, motels, timeshares, short term rentals (including but not limited to rentals done through direct owner to renter contact, a management company, VRBO, AirBNB, or other similar service), bed and breakfasts, lodges, retreats, RV parks, and camping is prohibited. There shall be no new bookings or reservations for stays occurring during the time period in which this Order is in effect. Reservations beginning on or after 08:00 a.m. on March 27, 2020, shall be cancelled, however, businesses are encouraged to cancel earlier reservations if reasonably practicable without stranding travelers.

4. For purposes of this Order, the following are excepted:

- a. Lodging necessary for emergency or quarantine purposes;
- b. Lodging necessary to provide lodging for essential federal, state, county or local personnel, including, but not limited to, essential personnel for the County's Emergency Operations Center and Public Health Department;
- c. Advocates of Routt County's domestic violence shelter;
- d. Lodging necessary because it is not safe or possible for a guest to depart from the County; and
- e. Lodging that is occupied by a local worker.

5. **Most Restrictive Standard Controls.** To the extent any State and/or Federal orders or laws are more restrictive than what is set forth herein, such orders control.

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8. This Order is in effect as of 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2020, and is in effect, as extended by this Amendment through May 10, 2020, unless extended or earlier rescinded.

ORDERED THIS ____ day of April, 2020.

BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO.

Timothy V. Corrigan, Chair

ATTEST:

Kim Bonner,
Routt County Clerk and Recorder