

MAY 25, 2021
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
TERMINATING GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH'S APRIL 15, 2021 STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC BEST PRACTICE AND ACTIVITY SPECIFIC MEASURES AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR EXTENSIONS THERETO

GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR
MAY 25, 2021

Please note that due to the constantly changing course of the COVID-19 pandemic and local health, economic, social, and resource factors, local, state and federal public health guidance and compliance documents should be consulted regularly to assist the community in continuing to exercise best practices and voluntary precautions to help prevent and mitigate disease transmission in Grand County. For the public's ease of reference, best practices and health recommendations can be found at www.co.grand.co.us/covid19.

PURPOSE

This Public Health Order:

1. Terminates, revokes, and rescinds Grand County Public Health's April 15, 2021 Standing Public Health Order (PHO) Related to COVID-19 Pandemic Best Practice and Activity Specific Protective Measures and any amendments or extensions thereto.
2. Is intended to clarify that the only COVID-19 pandemic related orders and restrictions in place and enforceable by Grand County Public Health in Grand County at this time are those issued by the State of Colorado.

ORDER

1. Grand County's April 15, 2021 Standing Public Health Order and any extensions or amendments thereto are hereby terminated, revoked, and rescinded.

FINDINGS

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 virus a "pandemic" and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Federal Emergency Declaration for the Coronavirus pandemic. Shortly thereafter, Colorado and Grand County also declared pandemic disaster emergencies due to the presence of COVID-19 in the state.

Since that time, Grand County has seen over 1,400 positive cases of COVID-19 among residents as well as more than 100 positive cases of individuals associated with Grand County. Two residents have died of complications due to COVID while another two died within a month of having COVID but not due to their COVID illness. From March 2020 through May 20, 2021, 36 patients have been hospitalized with COVID complications.

From March 2020 through April 15, 2021, COVID mitigation and suppression in the State of Colorado was largely under the control of the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) and Governor Jared Polis. Beginning on April 16, 2021, Governor Polis devolved statewide COVID-19 restrictions and gave Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) authority to manage local COVID-19 mitigation and suppression in a way that best suits their county's needs based on science, data and local factors.

Thanks to a drastic decline in resident COVID cases from May 6-May 20, 2021, as well as widespread availability of COVID-19 vaccine to the majority of Grand County residents, Grand County Public Health believes that additional, mandatory, countywide COVID-19 suppression measures (beyond those required by Statewide Public Health Orders) are no longer required. Grand County's COVID-19 Suppression Plan and Playbooks, Transmission Control Plan, and related resources will remain publicly available for reference on suggested Best Practices.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME

This Public Health Order will become effective at **12:01am on May 26, 2021**.

EFFECTIVE AREA OF ORDER

This Public Health Order is effective within the entirety of Grand County, including all towns within Grand County.

STATE REQUIREMENTS STILL APPLY

All members of the public are responsible for following all provisions of the Governor's and CDPHE orders. Grand County Public Health has the legal authority to enforce those state orders. Individuals should be aware that new orders are being issued on a regular basis from Governor Polis and CDPHE.

AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT

This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506, 25-1-508, and 25-1-509 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, specific authorities granted to GCPH by CDPHE, as well as other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, and declarations. Under these laws and regulations, the Grand County Public Health Director: has the duty to investigate and control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health, and; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and in pursuance thereof, and for this purpose only, to exercise physical control over property and over the persons of the people within Grand County as Grand County Public Health may find necessary for the protection of the public health.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, IN ADDITION TO THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES AVAILABLE TO STATE AUTHORITIES, IS SUBJECT TO LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AND THE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 25-1-516 AND 18-1.3-501, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) DOLLARS AND IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

FURTHER GUIDANCE & INFORMATION RESOURCES

1. For most up to date Grand County COVID-19 Resources visit www.co.grand.co.us/covid19
2. For State Orders and COVID-19 information visit covid19.colorado.gov
3. CDPHE and the Governor's Executive Orders are available at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/public-health-executive-orders>

For questions regarding Grand County's COVID-19 response please contact the Grand County Joint Information Center at 970-725-3288 or email phinfo@co.grand.co.us.

Grand County Public Health is tasked with protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Grand County, Colorado by investigating and controlling the causes of epidemic and communicable disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. See section 25-1-508, Colorado Revised Statutes. Any person aggrieved and affected by a public health order has the right to request judicial review by filing an action with the Grand County District Court within 90 days of the date of such Order, pursuant to section 25-1-515, Colorado Revised Statutes. However, you must continue to obey the terms active orders while your request for review is pending.



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Date