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Safer at home



Colorado has been doing a great job following the Stay-at-Home order, and we must keep it up. The virus is still present in Colorado and can re-surge at any time. Everyone needs to do their part for themselves, their loved ones, and our community. We have a responsibility to ourselves and to each other to protect our state and our community. Right now, we are in **Level 2: Safer at Home**. Coloradans are no longer ordered to stay home, but are **strongly advised** to stay at home. Critical businesses are open and non-critical businesses are operating with restrictions.

People should be prepared for state and local public health orders to be extended, amended, or changed as needed to protect public health. This means we may move between the different levels during this pandemic:

Level 1: Stay at home

Everyone is required to stay at home except for grocery shopping, exercise and necessary activities. Only critical businesses are open.



Level 2: Safer at home

Everyone is still encouraged to stay at home. Critical businesses are open and non-critical business are operating with restrictions.



April 26

Last day of Colorado's Stay-at-Home Order.

April 27

Safer-at-Home begins, including curbside retail and real estate showings.

May 1

Retail and personal services can open (if implementing best practices).

May 4

Non-critical offices can reopen (if implementing best practices and lower density).

Safer at Home fast facts

- Critical businesses are still open.
- Non-critical businesses are open with restrictions.
- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face.
- Wear a face covering or mask when you leave your home.
- Connect with neighbors and loved ones virtually.



Can Do Colorado

As Coloradans, we know that when things get tough, we get creative. While we work as a state to get back to some sense of "new normal," it's important to acknowledge and applaud all of the creative business people and employees who have turned so many of those **can'ts** into a lot of great **can dos**! Visit the new website, and share your own innovative business ideas!

Best practices for all businesses

Worksites

- Deputize workplace coordinator(s) charged with addressing COVID-19 issues.
- Maintain 6-foot distancing when possible, and discourage shared spaces.
- Frequently sanitize all high-touch areas. ([Additional Guidance](#))
- Post signage for employees and customers on good hygiene.
- Ensure proper ventilation. ([OSHA guidance](#))
- Avoid gatherings (meetings, waiting rooms, etc) of more than 10 people.
- Implement symptom monitoring protocols (including workplace temperature monitoring and symptom screening questions) where possible. ([Additional Guidance](#))

- Eliminate or regularly sanitize any items in common spaces (i.e., break rooms) that are shared between individuals (i.e., condiments, coffee makers, vending machines). ([Additional Guidance](#))
- Provide appropriate protective gear like gloves, masks, and face coverings and encourage appropriate use. ([Additional Guidance](#))

Employees

- Require employees showing any symptoms or signs of sickness, or who has been in contact with known positive cases to stay home.
- Connect employees to company or state benefits providers.
- Provide flexible or remote scheduling for employees who need to continue to observe Stay-at-Home, who may have child or elder care obligations, or who live with a person who still needs to observe Stay-at-Home due to underlying condition, age, or other factors.
- Encourage and enable remote work whenever possible.
- Minimize all in-person meetings.
- Provide hand washing facilities/stations and hand sanitizer.
- Encourage breaks to wash hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Phase shifts and breaks to reduce employee density.
- Wear appropriate protective gear like gloves, masks, and face coverings and encourage appropriate use. ([Additional Guidance](#))
- ([Guidance to keep employees & customers safe](#))

To protect customers

- Create special hours for people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
- Encourage and facilitate 6-foot distancing inside of the business for all patrons.
- Encourage use of protection like gloves, masks, and face coverings.
- Provide hand sanitizer at entrance.
- Install shields or barriers where possible between customers and employees.
- Use contactless payment solutions, no touch trash cans, etc. whenever possible.
- ([Additional guidance to keep employees and customers safe](#))