

Jefferson County Public Health Stay at Home Extended and Wheat Ridge Facial Covering Requirements

Jefferson County Public Health and the City of Wheat Ridge are Working to Contain the Spread of COVID-19.

Released today by Jefferson County Public Health — Earlier this week, Governor Polis announced a path forward to continue to help protect our community from COVID-19 while slowly reopening our economy. The statewide Stay-at-Home order is set to expire on April 26. We are awaiting further official guidance with more details of the Governor’s plan for the state in the coming days, but we also know that each area of the state will have unique needs and assets. The population density of the Denver Metro Area will call for a level of response that will be different than what is needed in more rural areas.

As part of the state’s announcement, local public health officials have been directed to implement data-informed strategies at the local level that best meet the needs of local communities. Jefferson County Public Health and Jefferson County leadership are working with business leaders and other public health officials in the Denver Metro Area to determine what a gradual opening looks like. We will provide further information to our Jefferson County community when it is available.

We want to reiterate that public health’s guidance is to continue to stay at home to the greatest extent possible, even after the statewide Stay-at-Home order is eased. There is evidence social distancing is working, but that effort must continue to minimize the spread of disease, severe illness and death. This is a critical time and what we each do individually will have an impact on our community as a whole.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit www.jeffco.us/coronavirus.

Additionally, yesterday the City of Wheat Ridge announced a facial covering order, effective through May 30, 2020 requiring anyone entering a critical business to wear a facial covering. The order was passed unanimously on April 20, 2020 by City Council as Resolution No. 16, Series of 2020. Critical business is defined in the CDPHE Health Order 20-24. Facial coverings are medical or non-medical cloth facial coverings and can be purchased or made at home. Those with medical complications or other concerns related to breathing with a face mask are exempt. This order is designed to help businesses keep their employees and customers safe from the spread of COVID-19 and is just one of the measures the City of Wheat Ridge has implemented to help contain the spread of the virus.

Governor's Order <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>

COVID-19 Information <https://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/1767/COVID-19>