

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF MONTROSE COUNTY, COLORADO

AMENDING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EPIDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2020, the Board of Health declared a local epidemic in response to the ongoing spread of COVID-19 in the United States and State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2020 the Board of Health closed the public portions of Montrose County buildings and certain public use facilities including the Event Center and Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners declared a local disaster emergency in response to the ongoing spread of COVID-19 in the United States and State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, data pertaining to cases of COVID-19 in Colorado and Montrose County shows that the rate of spread and associated hospitalizations has substantially decreased since the declaration of the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has most recently provided guidance on “Safer at Home” measures for the state, including the ability of counties to either 1) follow the state’s guidance; 2) issue more restrictive orders; or 3) propose a plan for less restrictive orders; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Director of Public Health and the County’s Medical Advisor have advised the Board of Health that conditions in Montrose County warrant the County revising its Public Health Order to be consistent with the State of Colorado order and guidelines,

WHEREAS, the Montrose County Public Health Director and Montrose County Medical Advisor have advised the Board of Health that cautious reopening of county buildings and facilities does not pose a threat to public health and is consistent with state and federal guidance regarding COVID-19,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE DECLARED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF MONTROSE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. Montrose County Board of Public Health recommends that local officials follow all medical advice and best practice guidelines to alleviate the spread and severity of COVID-19 provided by the Governor of the State of Colorado through his Executive Orders, CDPHE, CDC and Montrose County Public Health.
2. Beginning Monday, May 4th, 2020, the public portions of Montrose County buildings that were previously closed by the Board of Health shall be reopened, subject to ongoing guidance and limitations as provided by CDPHE and the Montrose County Public Health Director.

3. The Board of Health hereby authorizes individual elected officials (Assessor, Clerk, Coroner, Sheriff, Treasurer) to set amended hours for their respective offices as necessary for the duration of the declared epidemic. The County Manager and Deputy County Manager are each hereby authorized to set amended hours for all departments operating under the Board of County Commissioners through the duration of the declared epidemic.
4. The indoor spaces of public use facilities including the Event Center and Fairgrounds shall remain closed to the public until further notice.
5. The Montrose County Public Health Order dated March 16, 2020 is hereby superseded.
6. The Montrose County Public Health Order banning open fires in the County is hereby rescinded.

Adopted this 28th day of April, 2020 at a meeting of the Montrose County Board of Public Health.

Jim Austin 04/28/2020

Jim Austin, Montrose County Public Health Director

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