

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF MONTROSE COUNTY, COLORADO

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EPIDEMIC

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that originated in China and has spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the virus may cause serious illness or death in certain cases, particularly in cases involving the elderly and immune-compromised persons; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern;" and on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado declared a state of emergency in response to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 are rapidly increasing in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, public health experts anticipate that due to the highly contagious nature of the virus, and because numerous visitors from around the world visit and travel through Montrose County on a daily basis, Montrose County has potential to see cases of the virus; and

WHEREAS, Montrose County Public Health has the authority to control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health and to advise local officials regarding policies related to public health, pursuant to C.R.S. 25-1-506(3); and

WHEREAS, the Montrose County Director of Public Health has advised the Board of Health of the continued concerns and advice of CDC and CDPHE regarding COVID-19,

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


1. Montrose County is anticipating the spread into Montrose County of an epidemic illness; and
2. 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 CDC and CDPHE.

3. Montrose County public use facilities are hereby closed, including the Event Center and Fairgrounds, and all previously scheduled events at these facilities are cancelled or postponed until further notice.

4. With the exception of Montrose Regional Airport, the Justice Center and Sheriff's Office, all Montrose County buildings and facilities are hereby closed to the public until further notice. Buildings and facilities shall remain open to county officials and employees as necessary to continue the operation of county business. At the discretion of the County Manager or elected officials, limited public hours may be established by appointment or on an as needed basis to facilitate continued operations.

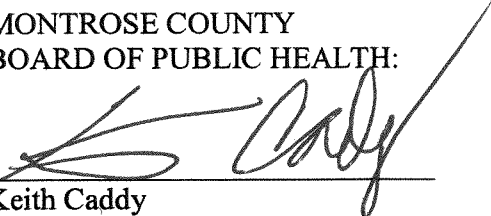
5. Montrose County employees are encouraged to work remotely to the greatest extent possible and to avoid congregating in groups or facilities unless such gatherings are necessary for the continuance of county operations.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2020 at a meeting of the Montrose County Board of Public Health.


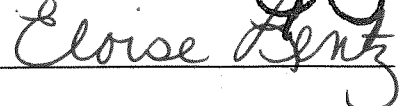


Jim Austin, Montrose County Public Health Director



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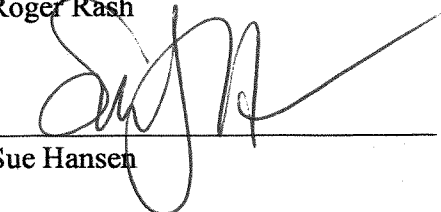
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