October 28, 2020

On March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued an Executive Order declaring a state of disaster emergency due to the risk of spread of the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19.

On March 12, 2020, the Mayor of the City and County of Denver declared a state of local disaster emergency pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, et seq., due to the risk of spread of COVID-19.

Since that time, the Executive Director of the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (“DDPHE”), pursuant to section 24-16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, has issued numerous public health orders to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the City and County of Denver. These public health orders have restricted access to certain facilities; restricted mass gatherings of people; closed restaurants and bars to in-person services; and implemented stay at home requirements and critical business operations. In conjunction with steps taken by the Governor and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, these measures all act in concert to minimize the spread of COVID-19 by reducing the exposure of individuals to the virus.

On September 15, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”) issued Public Health Order 20-35 (“CDPHE PHO 20-35”). On September 18, 2020, DDPHE adopted CDPHE PHO 20-35 and all CDPHE amendments thereto.

On October 16, 2020, DDPHE issued a public health order reducing public and private gatherings from 10 to 5 individuals to further minimize the spread of COVID-19.

On October 23, 2020, CDPHE issued its third amendment to CDPHE PHO 20-35, which, in relevant part, limits public and private gatherings to no more than 10 individuals from no more than 2 households.

This order amends the DDPHE order, dated October 16, 2020, to conform with CDPHE PHO 20-35. Specifically, DDPHE hereby adopts the public and private gathering limits in PHO 20-35, which are limited to no more than 10 individuals from no more than 2 households when not otherwise regulated as a specific sector or activity in Section III of PHO 20-35. Nothing in this order prohibits the gathering of members living in the same residence.

Nothing in this Order otherwise modifies the requirements and operating capacities established in CDPHE PHO 20-35.

Pursuant to section 24-24 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, it is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with this Order. Any person who fails to comply with this Order may also be subject
to a civil penalty of up to nine hundred ninety-nine dollars ($999.00) per violation. Enforcement actions are intended to be cumulative in nature and Denver may pursue one or more civil, criminal, and administrative actions, fees, fines, sentences, penalties, judgments, and remedies and may do so simultaneously or in succession.

This Order shall be in effect immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Executive Director of the Department of Public Health & Environment.

Issued by:

Robert M. McDonald
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Executive Director, Denver Dept of Public Health & Environment