

March 26, 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, which, on March 16, 2020, was extended by the City Council for the City and County of Denver through May 11, 2020 due to the risk of spread of COVID-19.

On March 13, 2020, the Executive Director of the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (“DDPHE”), pursuant to section 24-16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, restricted access to certain facilities to minimize the spread of COVID-19 (“March 13 DDPHE Order”).

On March 15, 2020, the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) recommended that all large events and mass gatherings of 50 persons or more be canceled or postponed for eight weeks to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

On March 16, 2020, the Executive Director of the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment, pursuant to section 24-16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, restricted additional activities, including but limited to, onsite consumption of food and beverage in restaurants and banned mass gatherings of 50 persons or more in consistency with the March 15, 2020 CDC recommendations. (“March 16 DDPHE Order”).

On March 16, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 25-1.5-101(1)(a) and 25-1.5-102(1)(a)(I), closed bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums and casinos by Notice of Public Health Order 20-22, which order was amended on March 17, March 18, and March 19, 2020 (“March 16 CDPHE Order”).

On March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued an Executive Order ordering the suspension of normal in-person instruction at all public and private elementary and secondary schools in the State of Colorado due to the presence of COVID-19 (“March 18 Governor EO”).

On March 18, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 25-1.5-101(1)(a) and 25-1.5-102(1)(a)(I), issued an order implementing social distancing measures, which limits gatherings of individuals to no more than (10) people to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus (“March 18 CDPHE Order”).

On March 19, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 25-1.5-101(1)(a) and 25-1.5-102(1)(a)(I), amended the March 16 CDPHE Order to also include nonessential personal service facilities and racetrack and off-track pari-mutuel wagering facilities, exempt institutions of higher education in the services of meals, clarify that hotel dining services are not exempted other than in room dining services,

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add a definition of gymnasium, and extend the March 16 CDPHE Order through April 30, 2020 (“March 19 CDPHE Order”).

On March 21, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 25-1.5-101(1)(a) and 25-1.5-102(1)(a)(I), amended the March 18 CDPHE Order to further clarify those activities and functions that are exempted from its social distancing order.

On March 22, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued an Executive Order D2020-013 ordering non-critical workplaces to reduce their in-person workforce by 50% and to implement telework capabilities to the greatest extent possible due to the presence of COVID-19 in the state (“EO D2020-013”)

On March 22, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 25-1.5-101(1)(a) and 25-1.5-102(1)(a)(I), issued an order defining critical emergency personnel, infrastructure, government functions, and other activities that are exempt from the directives of EO D2020-013 (“March 22 CDPHE Order”).

On March 23, 2020, the Executive Director of the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment issued, pursuant to section 23-16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, a Stay at Home Order to minimize the spread of COVID-19, which order was amended on the same date (“March 23 DDPHE Order”)

On March 24, 2020, the Executive Director of the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment issued, pursuant to section 23-16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, an amendment to the March 23 DDPHE Order (“March 24 DDPHE Order”)

On March 25, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued an Executive Order D2020-017 ordering Coloradans to Stay at Home due to the presence of COVID-19 in the state and directing the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to issue a public health order consistent with the directives in the executive order (“EO D2020-017”).

On March 25, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 25-1.5-101(1)(a) and 25-1.5-102(1)(a)(I), issued an order implementing the Stay at Home requirements (“March 25 CDPHE Stay at Home Order”).

On March 26, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 25-1.5-101(1)(a) and 25-1.5-102(1)(a)(I), issued an amendment to the March 25 CDPHE Stay at Home Order (“March 26 CDPHE Stay at Home Order”).

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The Executive Director of DDPHE, pursuant to section 24-16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, hereby amends Denver’s March 24 DDPHE Order, otherwise known as Denver’s Stay at Home order, by adopting the State of Colorado’s March 26 CDPHE Stay at Home Order.

To the extent CDPHE issues subsequent Stay at Home orders, they shall be automatically adopted and shall amend this order. (“March 26 DDPHE Stay at Home Order”).

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 continue through April 11, 2020, unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Executive Director of the Department of Public Health & Environment.

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