



NEWS RELEASE

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ACCESS LIMITED TO GUNNISON COUNTY BUILDINGS DURING SPREAD OF COVID-19 All Essential County Services are Still Being Provided; Anyone Who is Ill Should Stay Home

Gunnison County, Colo – Gunnison County is announcing that access to its facilities is restricted, effective Monday, March 16, 2020 due to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Colorado. These restrictions are in place until April 8, when these precautions will be re-evaluated.

All essential County services are still being provided, though residents are urged to conduct any other business with the County by phone, if possible. All online services are available as usual and a complete contact list for County departments and offices is available at <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/directory.aspx>.

Anyone feeling ill, exhibiting a cough, fever or respiratory issues should stay home, and will not be allowed inside County facilities. It's a good idea to call ahead to the department or office you're conducting business with to see what services are available before traveling to County buildings.

As a reminder, Gunnison County Health and Human Services Director Joni Reynolds issued a "Standing Public Health Order Related to Events" on 3/13/2020 that prohibits all local events of 50 people or more. Events with fewer than 50 attendees are also prohibited unless event organizers can mitigate the risks outlined on page 3 of the Order, which can be viewed at <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/10194/Standing-Public-Health-Order-Related-to-Events-PDF?bidId=>.

Public Health updates pertaining to COVID-19 are available online at <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/covid19>. Residents are also encouraged to follow our news on the Gunnison County, Colorado Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GunnisonCountyCO/> or @GunnisonCountyCO) or the Gunnison County Health and Human Services Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GunnisonCountyHHS/> or @GunnisonCountyHHS), on which information is being updated as it comes in from State and Local agencies. Residents can also register to receive emergency notifications from the Gunnison County website at <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/list.aspx>.

CO-HELP is the state of Colorado's call line for the coronavirus. People who have general questions about COVID-19 can call CO HELP at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911, for answers in many languages, or email them at COHELP@RMPDC.org for answers in English.

Visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wjLrRINED3iCsKf-gLD8Kz92_PtYKPD6/view for a list of other known local closures and cancellations.

For more information, contact the Call Center for the COVID-19 Corona Virus response. The Call Center is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. They will question callers to determine if a screening is needed. Before going to your doctor or the emergency room please call the Call Center at (970) 641-7660.

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