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Statewide Stay-at-Home Order

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State employees,

Today, I issued a statewide stay-at-home order. The order goes into effect on Thursday, March 26, at 6 a.m., and will remain in effect until at least April 11.

I issued this order based on the recommendations of experts from our Department of Public Health and Environment to help slow the spread of COVID-19. We all need to do our part to support those on the front lines of this pandemic and the patients they are serving. By acting boldly now, we can limit the spread, save lives, and limit the economic effects of this pandemic.

During this time, Coloradans will still rely on the vital services of many of our public servants. I know this is an anxious time for all Colorado residents, and they are looking to us to provide leadership and help.

You should continue to report to work, from home if possible or onsite if you are in a critical function, unless you have specifically been told not to by your agency leadership. If you have been told by your agency leadership not to report to work and cannot work from home, you will be placed on paid administrative leave.

As with many of the municipal stay-at-home orders that have been issued around the state, this order excludes those government employees who provide essential or critical functions. These include, but are not limited to:

- Public safety personnel, security personnel, military, and law enforcement
- Fire prevention and response
- Building code enforcement
- Emergency management response
- Public and environmental health functions
- Court personnel

This order also excludes those employees needed to support these functions. If employees are teleworking, they should continue to do so to the greatest extent possible. Our agencies are taking every precaution possible to ensure a safe workplace for employees who will continue to report to work during this period.

If you have questions about what this stay-at-home order means for you, please reach out to your supervisors or HR representative.

I know there is a lot of confusion and uncertainty. We are doing everything we can to ensure you are informed and safe in the work you do.

When this crisis has passed, you can look back knowing you did all you could to help and provide needed services to your fellow Coloradans. I am so proud of the way our state workforce has stepped up to meet this challenge. I owe each and every one of you a debt of gratitude.

Please continue to stay safe, respect this order, check in on those you care about, and know that we will come out of this stronger and more united.

Sincerely,

Governor Jared Polis

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