Colorado's Stay-at-Home Order During COVID-19

Community Protection Division
Boulder County District Attorney's Office



Effective March 26th, the Governor and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issued a statewide stay-at-home Order banning all non-essential travel

What the stay-at-home order covers: Non-essential travel



 Trips to non-essential businesses, such as gyms, theaters, retail stores, and personal care businesses.



Non-essential gatherings

• Involves any number of people.

The stay-at-home order does <u>not</u> cover Essential Travel/Activities. Essential Travel/Activities include:



- obtaining food or household necessities
- seeking medical care
- providing care or delivering necessities to others
- going to and from work at a critical business
- outdoor exercise/recreation in your immediate area



All essential businesses are required to follow social distancing protocols.

 Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 must self-isolate.

Victims of domestic violence or abuse CAN leave their homes. Call 911 for assistance.

Law enforcement is available to help.

For more information on the stay-at-home order visit: https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/gov-polisannounces-statewide-stay-home-order-providesupdate-colorado-response-covid-19



Law enforcement priorities during COVID-19:



- Law Enforcement and the District Attorney encourage you to stay at home and ask you to do your best to limit your travel.
- Our primary goal is to ensure voluntary compliance.
- There are civil and criminal penalties for noncompliance, but law enforcement will only use these remedies when education fails.
 - Violations of the state orders are a misdemeanor offense. Businesses can also face the loss of a business or liquor license.

Law enforcement and public health agencies can stop or question individuals or businesses that appear to be violating the stay-at-home order.



- If law enforcement has a reason to do so, they may stop and question individuals to investigate possible violations of the order.
 - Questions might focus on the purpose or destination of travel, as well as questions about adhering to social distancing requirements.
- If you are stopped by police or a public health officer, you do <u>not</u> need to provide paperwork proving that your travel is essential.
- Local law enforcement and public health agencies are not collecting or sharing data from these conversations with ICE.

If you want to report a possible violation of the stay-athome order, contact the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at: https://colorado.gov/cdphe.



- Boulder County Department of Public Health: https://www.bouldercounty.org/departments/p ublic-health
- The Attorney General's Office: covid19@coag.gov
- The Boulder County District Attorney's Office
- Your local law enforcement agency (call 911 if it is a true emergency)

If you are stopped or questioned by someone you do not believe to be a law enforcement or public health officer, call 911 immediately.

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