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 *not* 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.


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**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 non-compliance, 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 not 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-at-home 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/public-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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