

# D 2020 012

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### **Order Limiting Evictions, Foreclosures, and Public Utility Disconnections and Expediting Unemployment Insurance Claim Processing to Provide Relief to Coloradans Affected by COVID-19**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* (Act), I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order limiting evictions, foreclosures, and public utility disconnections and improving and expediting unemployment insurance claim processing to mitigate, respond to, and recover from the current economic disruption due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

#### **I. Background and Purpose**

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

The economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant, and threaten to undermine the economic stability of many Coloradans and local businesses. The risk of contamination posed by COVID-19 has necessitated closure of multiple businesses. Employers and employees in virtually all sectors of the economy have been hard hit. We must take action to shore up economic security, employment, community cohesion, and community recovery.

By this Executive Order, I am temporarily limiting evictions, foreclosures, and public utility disconnections and providing support to unemployed Coloradans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. I am further mobilizing State resources to improve and expedite efforts to mitigate, respond to, and recover from the current economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This Executive Order will help protect

the economic well-being of Colorado's communities and businesses during the coming weeks and months.

***[In Part]:***

## **II. Foreclosure and Eviction Directives**

- I. I authorize the County Treasurers of the State of Colorado to take action to suspend or waive delinquent interest that may accrue pursuant to the provisions of § 39-10-104.5 as a result of delinquent tax payments. Any action by a Treasurer concerning such action shall be made available on the Treasurer's website, electronic mail (if possible) and automated messages.

## **V. Duration**

This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from March 20, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order, except that the funds described in Sections II.C. and IV.A., above, shall remain available for the described purposes for six (6) months from the date of this Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and  
the Executive Seal of the  
State of Colorado, this  
twentieth Day of March,  
2020.

Jared Polis  
Governor