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B 2020 003

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order B 2020 002 to Rename the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board to the Governor's Advisory Committee for Cooperation and Implementation

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order B 2020 002 to rename the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board to the Governor's Advisory Committee for Cooperation and Implementation (Committee). The Committee will assist with the State's response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

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 widespread community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended by Executive Orders D 2020 018 and D 2020 032. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has undertaken a wide array of actions to respond to and mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, preserve our health care resources, and provide needed flexibility to address the collateral consequences of the pandemic.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread primarily by close contact between people and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Public health experts recommend we practice "social distancing," or maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19.

On March 25, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 017 (Stay at Home Order), ordering Coloradans to stay at home, subject to certain limited exceptions. I took this step to encourage social distancing, and minimize the duration of the epidemic and the disruption to our daily lives. Evidence has shown that social distancing and the Stay at Home Order are working, and the increase in COVID-19 cases and the rate of infection has slowed. I extended the Stay at Home Order on April 6, 2020, in Executive Order D 2020 024.

On April 26, 2020, the Stay at Home Order expired, and on April 27, 2020, I issued the Safer at Home Executive Order, which began the next phase of Colorado's efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. As the State moves into this next phase, we will adjust to a "new normal" way of life to continue our efforts to fight COVID-19.

On April 26, 2020, I issued Executive Order B 2020 002 creating the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board, which will serve as a central point of contact for the State's efforts to maintain social distancing and respond to the evolving societal changes necessary due to COVID-19.

This Executive Order amends Executive Order B 2020 002 to rename the New Normal Advisory Board to the Governor's Advisory Committee for Cooperation and Implementation, to more accurately reflect the mission of the Committee.

II. Amendments

Executive Order B 2020 002 is amended so that all references to the "Governor's New Normal Advisory Board" shall be replaced with "Governor's Advisory Committee for Cooperation and Implementation."

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor. In all other respects, Executive Order B 2020 002 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixth day of May, 2020

Jared Polis Governor