D 2021 055
EXECUTIVE ORDER
Extending Executive Orders D 2020 100, D 2020 133, D 2020 161, D 2020 184, D 2020 215,
D 2020 242, D 2020 273, D 2021 004, and D 2021 032 Ordering Expedited 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., I, Jared Polis,
Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending Executive Order
D 2020 100, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 133, D 2020 161, D 2020
184, D 2020 215, D 2020 242, D 2020 273, D 2021 004, and D 2021 032, ordering expedited
unemployment insurance (UI) claim processing 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 on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020
003, as amended or extended by Executive Orders D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020
076, D 2020 109, D 2020 125, D 2020 152, D 2020 176, D 2020 205, D 2020 234, D 2020 258,
2021 028, and D 2021 045. 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 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 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. While we have seen indications
that our efforts to “flatten the curve” are working, transmission of the virus continues to threaten
Coloradans’ way of life and livelihoods. Many Coloradans continue to rely on unemployment insurance to meet their basic needs.

This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 2020 100, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 133, D 2020 161, D 2020 184, D 2020 215, D 2020 242, D 2020 273, D 2021 004, and D 2021 032, which expedites processing of unemployment insurance claims for Coloradans and will help protect the economic well-being of Colorado’s communities impacted by COVID-19.

II. Duration


GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of March, 2021.

Jared Polis
Governor