

TEMPLATE

The following template is not intended as nor should it be construed as legal advice; rather, it is meant to assist those preparing to issue an order of quarantine in thinking about the types of issues that one might address in such an order. Prior to finalizing any such public health order, it is recommended that legal advice be sought.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER FOR QUARANTINE

For Individuals with Probable or Definite Exposure
to an Infectious Case of Measles

TO: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Date of Birth (if available): _____

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE or “health department”) has determined that you were exposed to a person who is infectious with measles during the time period _____. We do not have documentation that you are immune to measles. Adequate documentation consists of either:

1. a medical record stating that you have received two doses of measles vaccine after 12 months of age. [One dose of vaccine is not currently considered adequate protection against exposure to measles.]
2. a record of a blood test showing measles antibodies that indicate immunity or previous infection.

Symptoms of measles may initially resemble a cold with fever and cough followed by a rash occurring several days later. The symptoms may develop as long as twenty-one days after exposure to a contagious person. Persons infected with measles may be contagious from four days before rash onset until the fifth day of rash. In some persons, contagiousness can last longer. Due to your exposure to this virus, you may now be incubating the infection. If you develop measles symptoms, you could spread the virus before you develop any symptoms. To protect the public’s health and to prevent further spread of the disease, you must not continue regular activities in the community until the full incubation period has passed.

TERMS OF QUARANTINE

To prevent the spread of this serious and contagious disease, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes § 25-1.5-102(1), you are subject to quarantine. Assuming that you do not become ill with symptoms consistent with measles, effective _____, the provisions of the quarantine order are:

1. You are not allowed to attend childcare until _____ (21 days after your first exposure).
2. You are confined to your home, <insert location>, until _____.

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3. Other than a person authorized by CDPHE or the designated local public health authority, you may not have visitors at your home unless the visitors are immune to measles as described above or were born prior to January 1, 1957 (which, for this purpose, is considered immunity to measles); this is in effect until_____.
4. CDPHE or the designated local public health authority, will monitor your condition in the following manner:

5. You must cooperate with CDPHE or the designated local public health authority, in monitoring your condition by doing the following:
_____.
6. If you develop any symptoms of measles, or any other medical emergency or problem requiring treatment, immediately contact CDPHE or the designated local public health authority, at <insert phone number(s)>.

If you become ill with measles, you may be contagious beyond _____, in which case you will be notified in writing that this quarantine will be extended.

If necessary, CDPHE or the local public health authority may designate<insert local law enforcement agency> to enforce this order.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR YOU TO WILLFULLY VIOLATE, DISOBEY, OR DISREGARD THIS PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. ANY PERSON WHO DOES SO IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, MAY BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.00 AND IMPRISONMENT IN A COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO ONE YEAR, PER COLORADO REVISED STATUTES §25-1-114. IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THIS ORDER, WE WILL SEEK A COURT ORDER IN COLORADO DISTRICT COURT. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER PENDING THE DISTRICT COURT'S DECISION, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO ARREST AND INVOLUNTARY ISOLATION, PER COLORADO REVISED STATUTES §25-1-112.

Immediate issuance of this order is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare, and observance of the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act would be contrary to the public interest. If you have questions regarding this order, please contact <insert contact name> of CDPHE at 303-692-2700 or <insert contact name> of <insert designated local public health authority> at <insert phone number>.

Issued this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Chief Medical Officer
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment