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In Midst of Safer-At-Home Phase, Ouray County Rescinds Two Public Health Orders, Extends the Other Two

Ouray County, CO – On Friday, April 24th, after meeting with the Board of Health to discuss and gather input on the four COVID-19-related public health orders, Tanner Kingery, Ouray County Public Health Director, rescinded Public Health Orders #1 and #2 effective April 27th, and extended Public Health Orders #3 and #4 to May 15th through the issuance of Public Health Orders #5 and #6.

Public Health Orders #1 and #2, described in more detail below, were rescinded in order to eliminate redundancy and align with the State of Colorado's Safer-At-Home guidelines.

[Please review the attached FAQ sheets to learn what Safer-At-Home means and what the next steps are for the Safer-At-Home phase.](#)

- **RESCINDED** – Public Health Order #1: Order Closing Bars, Restaurants, Theaters, Gymnasiums and Nonessential Personal Services Facilities Countywide – Please see FAQ sheets below to learn more. The state is working to develop best practices and specific guidance for different industries during the Safer-at-Home phase and will have more details in the coming days.
- **RESCINDED** – Public Health Order #2: Order Implementing Limits on Mass Gatherings Countywide – Gatherings of 10 or more people are still prohibited under the Safer-At-Home phase.

Public Health Orders #3 and #4, described in more detail below, have been officially extended to May 15th and reclassified as Public Health Orders #5 and #6. After robust discussion at two separate Board of Health meetings this last week and after taking numerous public comments into consideration, the Board of Health and Tanner Kingery collectively felt that extending these orders is in the best interest of the community and necessary to protect and preserve public health.



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- **EXTENDED to May 15th** – Public Health Order #5 (formerly Public Health Order #3): Order Restricting Overnight Lodging Countywide – Please visit <https://ouraycountyco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13004/Public-Health-Order-5> to view this Order in its entirety.
- **EXTENDED to May 15th** – Public Health Order #6 (formerly Public Health Order #4): Order Discouraging All Non-Residential Homeowners and/or Seasonal Residents from Traveling to Ouray County – Please visit <https://ouraycountyco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13005/Public-Health-Order-6> to view this Order in its entirety.

We recognize that all of this information can be complicated, so we encourage anyone with questions or concerns about these Orders to call the Ouray County COVID-19 Hotline at 970-626-5484.

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