



**Rio Blanco County Department of Public Health
SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS BY SECTOR for PHASE I
“SAFER AT HOME”**

These recommendations will be applied throughout phase I to guide each sector as they re-open. All re-openings will occur in steps- the timeline for these steps will be determined every two weeks through a re-evaluation of local community readiness, disease status and capacity.

Public gatherings

- Allow public gatherings of no more than 10 people
- Maintain at least six feet distance from each other
- No festivals or other large gatherings until June 1st, at which time the situation will be evaluated to determine when large gatherings can resume.
- Large venues shall remain closed (concert facilities, sporting event facilities, etc.)

Offices (after May 4th)

- Encourage telework, wherever possible
- Maintain at least six feet distance from customers and each other
- Desks, work stations, and other work areas should be separated by at least six feet. If fixed stations exist, separate employees or clients by leaving one station in between. Workstations separated by walls that are six feet or higher can remain as they are
- Implement or maintain physical barriers for high-contact settings (e.g. reception areas)
- Implement physical distance protocols in common areas (separate tables and chairs by at least six feet)
- Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance in customer lines; try to establish one-way passage as much as possible
- Only essential travel is allowed
- Consider return to work in phases as applicable
- Implement or maintain flexible sick leave policies and practices
- Consider accommodations for high-risk individuals or populations
- Employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members

of the public shall wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth

- All employees are encouraged to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while in spaces where social distancing is difficult (common areas, public areas, etc), except where doing so would inhibit the individual's health

Retail and personal services (as of May 1st)

- Spas shall remain closed
- Critical businesses that were open under the stay at home order should maintain the same precautions and physical distancing practices
- As much as possible, continue curbside delivery while phasing into public opening
- Personal services (salons, tattoo parlors, dog grooming, etc.) and non-critical businesses can open under the following guidelines.
 - Spread people out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals throughout
 - Limit the number of clients to 30% of the facility's fire code capacity
 - Separate workstations (tables, chairs, etc.) by six feet. If fixed stations exist, separate clients by leaving one station in between. Workstations separated by walls that are six feet or higher can remain as they are
 - Implement or continue early opening for high-risk individuals
 - Implement or maintain physical barriers for high-contact settings (e.g. cashiers)
 - Implement or maintain one-way entry/exit and aisles
 - Employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public shall wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth
 - Implement or maintain curbside services in businesses as a preferred method
 - Stagger shifts if feasible to decrease the number of employees at the business
 - Maintain at least six feet physical distancing in waiting areas
 - Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance in customer lines
 - Implement touchless payment methods when possible
 - Encourage the public to wear cloth face coverings to enter the businesses

Restaurants (for future opening of dining areas, date TBD)

- Bars shall remain closed, including those that are part of restaurants
- Continuing take out and delivery is highly encouraged
- As much as possible, continue curbside delivery while phasing into public opening
- Self-serving stations shall remain closed (drinking stations, bulk dry, etc.)
- Spread people/tables out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals throughout
- Limit the number of clients to 30% of your fire code capacity
- Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance in customer lines

- Implement touchless payment methods when possible
- Implement or maintain physical barriers for high-contact settings (e.g. cashiers)
- Stagger shifts if feasible to decrease employee numbers at the business
- In-room dining shall follow strict physical distancing
- Group parties should be limited to no more than six people. People within a party should be family members or acquaintances who have previously been in contact with each other and there is limited risk of disease transmission
- Don't allow public sharing of utensils or condiments
- Buffets shall have an employee serving the food, no self-serving allowed
- Maintain physical distancing (six feet) in waiting areas
- Employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public shall wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth
- Encourage the public to wear cloth face coverings to enter the businesses

Elective, Medical and Health Services

- Visitation to hospitals and senior living facilities is prohibited at this time
- Elective surgeries can resume
- Elective health services can reopen with while adhering to the following precautions
 - Use adequate PPE that protects the provider and the client
 - Implement one-way entry/exit and aisles
 - Use an appointment system to minimize the time in waiting rooms
 - Maintain physical distancing (six feet) in waiting rooms
 - Implement or maintain physical barriers for high-contact settings (e.g. front desk)
 - Encourage the public to wear cloth face coverings to enter the businesses
 - Employees and contracted workers (other than providers) whose duties include close contact with members of the public shall wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth

Recreation (subject to individual jurisdiction such as BLM, NFS, and Rec Districts)

- Parks facilities conducive to gathering including shelters, picnic areas, courts, and playgrounds will remain closed
- Swim beaches shall remain closed
- Park facilities that enable social distancing such as trails, green space and golf will remain open
- Maintain physical distancing in outdoor settings (6ft while hiking, 15ft while running or biking)
- Open outdoor recreation facilities where adequate controls can be implemented to ensure physical distancing (six feet)
- Limit public gatherings to no more than 10 people
- Camping should be limited to one family per campsite
- No group camping allowed, in individual campsites or group campsites

- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces
- Only essential travel allowed; avoid traveling outside of your county or local community for recreation

Education

- Higher education, K-12, and organized youth activities shall remain closed
- Limited in-person learning for specific settings (e.g. technical college)
- Limit classrooms to no more than 10 people
- Maintain at least six feet distance from each other
- Child cares can reopen with the following precautions
 - Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection (concentrate on high touch surfaces like playgrounds, toys, tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.)
 - All employees shall wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while working with children
 - Maintain at least six feet distance from coworkers
 - Implement physical distance protocols in common areas (separate tables and chairs by at least six feet)
 - Symptomatic children should be excluded from care
 - To the extent possible, limit the sharing of utensils, toys, and classroom materials
 - To the extent possible, limit shared spaces to one classroom at the time (e.g. playgrounds)

Real Estate

- In-person home showings can resume
- Maintain at least six feet distance from customers and each other
- Cloth face coverings are highly encouraged
- Prior to a showing, ensure clients are not experiencing respiratory symptoms
- Open houses are prohibited at this time

Places of worship

- Continue online or drive-by services as much as possible
- When offering on-site services:
 - Limit the number of participants to 30% of your fire code capacity
 - Operate with strict physical distancing practices
 - Spread people out so there is at least six feet distance between families throughout
 - Place markings on the floor to maintain at least six feet distance where lines form

- Implement or maintain one-way entry/exit and aisles
- Implement touchless offering options as much as possible
- Encourage employees and the public to wear cloth face coverings
- Discourage people from attending if they are experiencing any symptoms
- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces
- Outside services are recommended if possible while maintaining social distancing.

Gyms (after opening, date TBD)

- Can open with minimal operations IF the following physical distancing and cleaning practices are possible
 - Limit the number of clients to 30% of your fire code capacity
 - Spread people out so there is at least six feet distance between individuals throughout
 - Implement one-way entry/exit
 - Perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high-touch surfaces
 - Require clients to disinfect equipment after every use
 - Discourage people from attending if they are experiencing any symptoms
 - Group classes are not allowed
 - Sport courts should remain closed
 - Locker rooms should remain closed
 - Saunas, pools (indoor and outdoor) and shared spaces should remain closed
 - Food/drink bars shall remain closed