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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Subject:** At 6:00 PM on April 2nd, 2020, Custer County Department of Public Health is implementing Custer County Public Health Agency Order 20-04. This Public Health Order (PHO) implements the Stay At Home Order and Essential Business Regulations. The PHO will be effective April 3, 2020 at 8:00am until Midnight April 30, 2020, and is subject to continuing review, amendment, and extension by the Public Health Director.

Custer County Public Health recognizes that based on scientific evidence it is critical to slow the transmission of COVID-19 as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable, and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission of COVID-19 is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable, and to increase the distance between individuals in the work environment. This Public Health Order (PHO) helps to preserve the welfare of our residents by reducing the chance of spread in our community, our workplaces, while preserving critical emergency and healthcare capacity in Custer County.

Below are a few highlights of the Custer County Public Health Agency Order 20-04:

- All residents of Custer County are ordered to stay at home whenever possible.
- All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside of a residence are prohibited. Nothing in this PHO prohibits the gathering of members living in the same residence.
- Residents of Custer County that have traveled out of Colorado for more than 24 hours must be under a 14-day self-quarantine. This includes part time residents returning to Custer County.
- All people visiting Custer County are directed to return home. Custer County Public Health Agency strongly discourages all variations of vacationing in Custer County until April 30, 2020.
- Restaurants, liquor stores, coffee shops, etc. must establish curbside pickup only, no customers are to be allowed inside the establishment. This allows for proper compliance with Social Distancing Regulations.
- Custer County Public Health strongly recommends that retail establishments in Custer County (grocery stores, dollar stores, hardware stores, food pantries, etc.) limit the number of customers within the store in order to abide by Social Distancing Requirements.
- All short-term lodging must cease operations until April 30, 2020. This includes, but is not limited to, hotels, motels, short-term rentals (30-days or less), bed and breakfast establishments, Airbnb, and lodging.

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