



COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RESCINDING OCPHA ORDER NO. 12 AND ADOPTING OF THE STATE OF COLORADO COVID-19 ORDERS AND ADDITIONAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS TO CURTAIL THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 UNDER THIS ORDER NO. 13.

I. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in C.R.S. § 25-1-506, 508, and 509, as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, and declarations. Under this authority, the Public Health Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of the epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine; to exercise physical control over the property and over the persons of the people within the territorial limits of Ouray County; and to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health; all as the Public Health Director may find necessary for the protection of the public health. Issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable under the existing circumstances and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of Ouray County citizens.

II. NECESSITY

This Order is issued based on evidence of the occurrence and transmission of and vaccination against COVID-19 within Ouray County. This Order is based on scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population within Ouray County places the population at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19.

III. INTENT

The intent of this Order is to ensure that the community has an opportunity to live, work, and play in environments that do not put them at undue risk for infection of COVID-19. Maintaining low COVID-19 transmission keeps hospital capacity manageable and allows for other medical care to continue. Preventing further spread or a resurgence of disease will require that all individuals and businesses be responsible for adhering to the requirements of this Order. Should a surge of illness continue, additional restrictions on activities may be implemented.

IV. ORDER

1. **Applicability.** This Order shall apply to all unincorporated areas of Ouray County, Colorado, and both municipalities that do not have a public health agency being, the Town of Ridgway and City of Ouray.
2. **State of Colorado Orders.** Any State of Colorado Orders, including Executive Orders issued by the Governor and all subsequent CDPHE Orders and other rule making are incorporated herein as may be amended or restated from time to time as a OCPHA Order, as if fully set forth herein. As of May 20, 2021, the current CDPHE Order includes the following:



- 2.1 Disease mitigation and best practices by the public are encouraged and employers must provide reasonable accommodations for those who cannot get the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 2.2 Face coverings are not required for those 11 years of age or older except in certain settings such as schools, DMV, congregate care facilities, correctional institutions, and healthcare centers.
- 2.3 When more than 100 people are gathered in a room in a public indoor space, the setting may operate at 100% capacity, not to exceed 500 people, with 6ft. distancing required between parties of unvaccinated people or when vaccination status is unknown.
3. Ouray County Combined Court (County and District) are subject to orders issued from the Chief Judge of the 7th judicial District, the current Order being 2021-09, attached hereto as Exhibit A. This Order is currently more restrictive than the CDPHE orders. To the extent that any judicial order applies to the Ouray County Combined Court, the Order shall apply to the entire Ouray County Courthouse building. The more restrictive order issued from Ouray County Public Health Agency or the Chief Judge of the 7th Judicial District shall apply to the Ouray County Courthouse.
4. **Take the Pledge.** Everyone is strongly encouraged to follow the "Five Commitments of Containment" to curb the spread of COVID-19 and help keep our County and community open:
 - 3.1 **WEAR A MASK.**
 - 3.2 **PHYSICAL DISTANCE.**
 - 3.3 **MINIMIZE GROUP SIZE.**
 - 3.4 **WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY.**
 - 3.5 **STAY AT HOME WHEN SICK AND GET TESTED.**
5. **Additional Resources.** For more information on state and federal guidelines online see Exhibit B attached hereto.

The requirements of this Order supplant any other local public health orders and take effect at 6:00 PM on May 26, 2021, and its requirements remain in effect until rescinded or extended in writing by the Public Health Director. This order shall be known as Ouray County Public Health Agency Order No. 13. (OCPHA No. 13).


Tanner Kingery, MPH, Public Health Director

Date: May 26, 2021

ANYONE FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 25-1-516 AND 18-1.3-501, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) DOLLARS AND IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS.