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COVID-19 — COLORADO — 3/24/20

Colorado Legislature. On March 13, 2020, the Colorado legislature [temporarily adjourned](#) until March 30, 2020. The state constitution requires that the legislative session conclude May 6. Prior to adjournment, the legislature passed [HJR 1006](#), asking the Colorado supreme court to determine whether the session may continue past that date in light of the adjournment.

Governor's Actions. On March 11, Governor Jared Polis [declared a state of emergency](#) in response to COVID-19. The statement included activating the National Guard and encumbering \$4.0 million from the state's Disaster Emergency Fund for COVID-19 response efforts. Since then, the governor has issued a series of executive orders, highlighted as follows:

- Closure of food and beverage establishments to on-premises service, as well as closing gyms, casinos, theaters and other entertainment facilities, and cigar bars.
- Closure of downhill ski resorts.
- Directing the state's political parties and the secretary of state to amend rules to permit the 2020 primary election to proceed without interruption.
- Closure of P-12 schools and related provisions.
- Ordering the temporary cessation of all elective and nonessential surgeries and procedures to preserve personal protective equipment and ventilators.
- Extending tax payment deadlines.
- Limiting evictions, foreclosures, and public utility disconnections.
- Ordering Colorado employers to reduce the in-person workforce by 50.0%.

COVID-19 Cases. As of March 23, Colorado has 720 cases of COVID-19 in 31 counties, with 72 persons hospitalized and 7 deaths. A total of 6,224 persons have been tested. There have been 5 outbreaks at residential and nonhospital health care facilities.

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