



COLORADO

Governor Jared Polis

Executive Order 2021-122

- This Executive Order shifts our focus from the health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic to recovery from the emergency.
- This EO ends the Health Emergency Executive Orders for COVID-19 and rescinds all previous Executive Orders issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a Recovery Executive Order to focusing only on those measures related to the State's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, focusing Colorado's efforts on building back stronger from the COVID-19 global pandemic.
- Thanks to the tremendous efforts of all Coloradans, the moment for extraordinary executive action has passed. Governor Polis no longer needs to use much of the temporary authorities granted to the Governor under the The Colorado Disaster Emergency Act (Act).
- The State has made tremendous progress in terms of containing and treating infection and distributing the COVID-19 vaccine. Over seventy percent of adults have now received at least one dose of the lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine, and we are beginning to see life return to a new normal.
- The state's recovery will focus on the short, intermediate, and long-term actions taken to restore community functions, services, vital resources, facilities, programs, continuity of local government services and functions, and infrastructure to the affected areas.
- This Executive Order will continue to facilitate administering COVID-19 vaccine and ensuring that our healthcare facilities have sufficient resources to treat COVID-19 patients, improve our economic recovery, maintain access to additional federal funding, and continue the State's disaster declaration and essential directives for response and continuity of State government.
- Together, these directives will ensure agency access to State and federal funding and enable the State to continue COVID-19 response and recovery activities.
- The administration will continue to assess the needs of this EO but will ensure that the require benefits for Colorado to build back stronger remain in place
- Local authorities will continue to have considerable powers to respond to local public health conditions and the state can support if needed
- **The new Executive Order does the following:**
 - Reinstates certain regulatory statutes that were suspended during the pandemic (for example, rules related to sick leave for state employees).
 - Discontinues measures that were in place to monitor and respond to the pandemic such as the GEERC and crisis standards of care. If needed we can reinstate these measures, but at this time we have more than sufficient healthcare resources to respond to levels of infection in the State.

- **The new Executive Order does not impact these areas as they are crucial to recovery:**
 - The new Executive Order does not impact access to vaccines. The vaccine is still free to everyone regardless of income, insurance, or immigration status.
 - Unemployment benefits and rental assistance are not impacted by the new order. Rental assistance benefits and related programs remain in place, as does the 30-day right to cure for tenants previously contained in EO D 21 088.
 - Medicaid, the Children's Basic Health Plan and other enhanced federal benefits remain in place under the new order
 - We continue to suspend certain licensing requirements for healthcare providers to protect our healthcare capacity
 - The Colorado National Guard will continue to assist with recovery efforts
 - We are retaining expanded access to electronic renewal of drivers licenses