

## Understanding the Safer at Home Phase

On April 27, the state will be moving onto the “Safer at Home” phase. During this phase Coloradans will no longer be ordered to stay home, but are still **strongly encouraged** to do so. Vulnerable populations and seniors must continue staying home except for when it is absolutely necessary to leave. K-12 school districts and post-secondary institutions will continue to suspend normal in-person instruction until the end of the school year.

It’s important to note that there may be a fluctuation between the levels to recover from outbreaks, meaning that Colorado could return to the “Stay at Home” phase if there is a significant increase in cases or spread of COVID-19. If hot spots are determined in certain areas, counties may revert to the “Stay at Home” phase or additional protective measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Local governments will have the opportunity to implement stricter restrictions, particularly those who may be experiencing an outbreak.

What does the “Safer at Home” phase look like for El Paso County? Here’s a quick summary:

- **For the General Public**
  - Residents should continue to stay at home as much as possible.
  - If you must be in public, wearing a cloth face covering is strongly encouraged and continue to keep at least six feet between yourself and others.
  - No gatherings of more than 10 people.
  - Avoid unnecessary travel.
  - Do NOT leave your house if you are feeling sick at all.
  - Vulnerable populations should continue to follow “Stay at Home” guidelines, and stay home unless absolutely necessary.
- **For Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities**
  - There will be additional precautions, including more testing and required mask-wearing
- **For Businesses**
  - Critical businesses will remain open with strict precautions.
  - Non-Critical businesses can open at 50 percent capacity starting May 4, offices are advised to have symptom and temperature checks in place for all employees coming into the office.
  - Telecommuting should be maximized, especially for vulnerable communities.
  - Warehouses and manufacturers are encouraged to run multiple shifts if possible to stagger workforce and maintain 50 percent capacity.

- Child care Facilities can re-open with strict precautions.
- Personal services (such as salons, tattoo parlors, dog groomers, dental offices, personal training, etc.) can reopen with strict precautions.
- Real estate sales can continue with private showings, but no open houses.
- Elective surgeries can resume with precautions.
- K-12 education facilities will remain closed.
- Bars and clubs will remain closed to in-person services for the time being and can still offer take- out/delivery if applicable. The Governor hopes to slowly re-open restaurants to dine-in services, but Governor Polis says that decision will only come after they're able to review data from the first couple weeks of the "Safer at Home Period".

Slides from Governor Polis' Press Conference on April 20, 2020 explaining the "Safer at Home" Period

GUIDELINES FORTHCOMING		
	Stay At Home	Safer At Home
Distancing Goal	Achieve 75%-80% physical distancing	Achieve 60%-65% physical distancing
General Public Measures	-Ordered to Stay at home, except when absolutely necessary -Strongly advised face coverings in public -No gatherings over 10 people -Sick people may not go to work -Avoid unnecessary travel	-Encouraged to stay at home except when absolutely necessary -Strongly advised face coverings in public -No gatherings over 10 people -Sick people may not go to work -Avoid unnecessary travel
Vulnerable populations and seniors	Stay at Home except when absolutely necessary	Stay at Home except when absolutely necessary
Critical Businesses	Open, with strict precautions	Open, with strict precautions
Nursing homes + congregate care facilities	Strict precautions and protections	Strict precautions and protections
Retail	Only critical open	Open for curbside delivery and phased-in public opening with strict precautions

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	Stay At Home	Safer At Home
<b>Distancing Goal</b>	<b>Achieve 75%-80% physical distancing</b>	<b>Achieve 60%-65% physical distancing</b>
Offices	Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50% open, with strict precautions</li> <li>- Large workplaces advised to have symptom and temperature checks</li> <li>- Telecommuting maximized</li> </ul>
Elective Medical Services/Dental	Closed	Open, with strict precautions to ensure adequate PPE and ability to meet critical care needs
Restaurants and Bars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bars</li> <li>- Restaurant</li> </ul>	Closed Takeout/delivery only	Closed- Takeout/delivery only, exploring phased-in reduced capacity opening

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	Stay At Home	Safer At Home
<b>Distancing Goal</b>	<b>Achieve 75%-80% physical distancing</b>	<b>Achieve 60%-65% physical distancing</b>
Childcare	Closed, except for essential workers	Open, with strict precautions
Education (Higher Ed, K-12)	Closed	Closed
Personal Services (salons, tattoo parlors, dog grooming, personal training, etc)	Closed	Open, with strict precautions
Real Estate	Closed	Showings can begin, but no open houses

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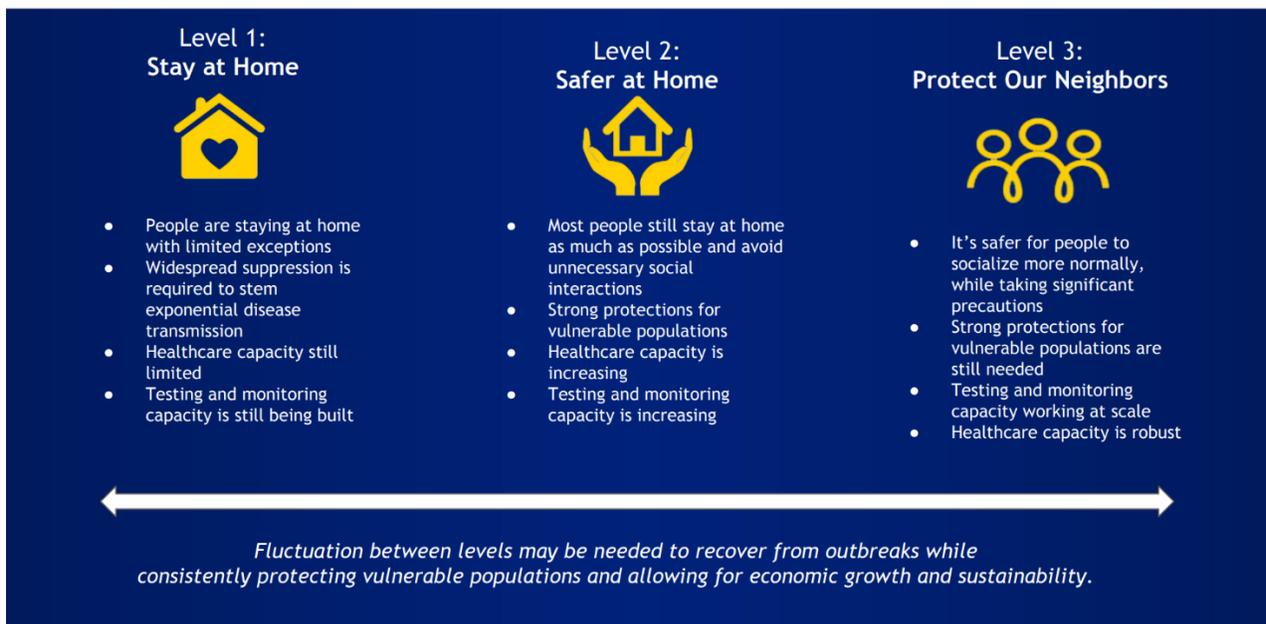


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El Paso County Public Health will continue to add details to this list as they become available. In the meantime, the important thing to remember about the “Safer at Home” phase is that we’re not out of the woods yet. We have come so far, Colorado, and we need to continue to commit to the safety and health of ourselves and our community so we don’t take any steps backwards.

The next phase after the “Safer At Home” phase will be the “Protect Our Neighbors” phase, which will look a lot more like life before the pandemic, but we can only get there if we continue to keep our distance as much as possible, wear our face coverings, wash our hands, and do our best to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

## PHYSICAL DISTANCING HAPPENS AT THREE LEVELS



For more details on the state’s plans moving forward, take a look at the Governor’s full PowerPoint presentation about the “Safer at Home” phase, and next steps after lifting the Stay at Home Order [here](#).

Stay home. Save lives.