



## D 2022 040

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### **Colorado COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Order to Maximize Federal Benefits and Secure Healthcare Staffing**

**Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2021 122, D 2021 124, D 2021 125, D 2021 129, D 2021 132, D 2021 136, D 2021 139, D 2021 141, D 2022 003, D 2022 010, D 2022 013, D 2022 017, D 2022 020, D 2022 028, D 2022 035, D 2022 037, and D 2022 038**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.*, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, issue this coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Executive Order amending and extending Executive Order D 2021 122, as amended and extended by D 2021 124, D 2021 125, D 2021 129, D 2021 132, D 2021 136, D 2021 139, D 2021 141, D 2022 003, D 2022 010, D 2022 013, D 2022 017, D 2022 020, D 2022 028, D 2022 035, D 2022 037, and D 2022 038, which refocuses the State's efforts on recovery to maximize federal benefits.

#### **I. Background and Purpose**

The Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the State and people presented by disasters. C.R.S. § 24-33.5-704(1). The Colorado Disaster Emergency Act (Act) defines a disaster as "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to . . . epidemic." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3). The threat posed by COVID-19, a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person, constitutes a disaster for purposes of the Act. The Governor has authority to take any action "in prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-702(1)(d). For purposes of the Act, recovery is "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 area." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(7.3).

This Executive Order ensures that the State maintains access to federal funding and that our healthcare facilities have access to additional resources. Together, the few remaining directives in this Executive Order ensure agency access to State and federal funding and enable the State to continue recovery activities.

This Executive Order amends and extends Executive Orders D 2021 122, D 2021 124, D 2021 125, D 2021 129, D 2021 132, D 2021 136, D 2021 139, D 2021 141, D 2022 003,

D 2022 010, D 2022 013, D 2022 017, D 2022 020, D 2022 028, D 2022 035, D 2022 037, and D 2022 038. The amendment removes a provision that activated disaster response and recovery aspects of applicable State, local, and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans. This provision is no longer needed as the State can return to normal operations.

## **II. Amendment**

Executive Order D 2021 122, as amended and extended by D 2021 124, D 2021 125, D 2021 129, D 2021 132, D 2021 136, D 2021 139, D 2021 141, D 2022 003, D 2022 010, D 2022 013, D 2022 017, D 2022 020, D 2022 028, D 2022 035, D 2022 037, and D 2022 038, is amended as follows:

1. Delete subsection II.iv.D.

## **III. Duration**

Executive Order D 2021 122, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2021 124, D 2021 125, D 2021 129, D 2021 132, D 2021 136, D 2021 139, D 2021 141, D 2022 003, D 2022 010, D 2022 013, D 2022 017, D 2022 020, D 2022 028, D 2022 035, D 2022 037, D 2022 038, and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from October 14, 2022, unless extended further by Executive Order, except that the funds described in subsection II.iv.C. of Executive Order D 2021 122, as amended and extended, shall remain available for the described purposes and the described time period stated in subsection II.iv.C. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2021 122, as amended and extended, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fourteenth day of October 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis  
Governor