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Grand County Extends Public Health Order For Short-Term Lodging

GRAND COUNTY, CO – Grand County Public Health (GCPH) issued a public health order on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 prohibiting all Short-Term Lodging (STR) operations from operating and taking new reservations until April 30, 2020. Today, April 24, GCPH issued a Public Health Order extending the STR Order to May 21, 2020. This Public Health Order is effective within the entirety of Grand County, including all towns within Grand County. It will become effective immediately, and will remain in effect until further notice. This Order is not intended to limit, rescind, alter, or amend any other applicable public health orders, restrictions, or requirements, other than as specifically stated within the order.

The Public Health Order extends the restrictions on the following:

- State and Federal Social Distancing Requirements, and Prohibitions and Restrictions on Certain Events, Gatherings, Business Operations, and Other Activities Remain in Full Force in Grand County.
- Prohibiting all Short-Term Lodging (STR) operations from operating and taking new reservations from the date of this Order until May 21, 2020.
- Prohibiting all Short-Term Lodging, as defined in the Order as, all lodging for a term of 30 days or less. It includes, but is not limited to, campgrounds (whether private or government operated), reserved camping sites, hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, lodges, retreats and “short-term rentals” (30 days or less). Consecutive 30-day lodging terms will be treated as Short-Term Lodging unless separated by a 15-day gap in occupancy.
- All Short-Term Lodging units must be vacated through May 21, 2020.
- STR owners are encouraged to temporarily suspend advertising for their rental units. Regardless, any STR owners who continue to advertise their rental units must include in any advertisement that the unit is not available for rent during the period of time this Order prohibiting Short-Term Lodging is in effect.
- Exceptions include, but are not limited to, housing for essential workers such as construction and healthcare employees, housing for individuals caring for vulnerable populations, and individuals staying for longer than 30-days. All of which are subject to approval from the Grand County Public Health Director.
- For the avoidance of doubt, dispersed camping on Federal public lands is permitted so long as campers are otherwise in compliance with this Order, practicing social distancing, and are in compliance with the rules and regulations of the applicable federal agency.
- Failure to comply with the Order is subject to a fine of up to five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, imprisonment in the county jail, and may lead to suspension or revocation of the property’s issued Short-Term Rental permit.

Local authorities will work toward voluntary compliance or will utilize the proper means necessary to enforce this order. Please visit CO.GRAND.CO.US/VIOLATION if you wish to report a violation. For specific questions please call the JIC at 970-725-3803 or email jicgrandcounty@gmail.com.

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