

FROM: Mayor Lenarcic
Memo to Jamestown Residents
April 22, 2020

COVID-19 – COMMUNITY UPDATE

The following information was obtained from Boulder County Public Health on April 21st.

On Monday, the Governor announced that he is lifting his Stay at Home order Effective April 27th. The order will be replaced by A “Safer at Home” Guidance document. The details of the document is expected to be available the week of April 27th. The Safer at Home policy is intended to relax restrictions as much as possible while minimizing the possibility that a surge in infections would overcome Colorado’s ability to provide adequate medical facilities and treatment.

- The initial impact of the change is to businesses, including retail businesses that were previously closed as non-essential. They may be open (initially) for curbside service.
- Offices may employ 50% of staff on site. Large organizations will have to do temperature checks.
- Elective surgeries may be scheduled and dental offices may be open.
- Hair salons and barber shops may reopen.
- Restaurants and Bars remain closed for now. Colorado Department of Public Health is initiating a working group that will develop criteria for reopening these establishments.
- All of the above are subject to “strict precautions” The definition and conditions associated with this term will be in the Guidance document to be issued.
- Social distancing requirements will remain in effect.

The Boulder County Health Department is assessing its ability to immediately implement the Safer at Home policy. Some of this will be dependent on the State guidance document.

A note about Recycle Saturdays and Spring Cleanup/Recycle (Dumpster) days:

Under the Stay at Home order Recycle Saturdays were deemed prohibited as an organized outdoor event or community gathering. I am waiting to determine what impact Safer at Home might have on our recycling program.

In the event that it is necessary to postpone the June 13th Spring Cleanup, I have obtained an alternate date from the County of September 12th.

Volunteers Wanted.

With the installation of our new Board of Trustees on May 4th, it is also a time when members of various committees are appointed. Anyone interested in becoming a member of one or more of the following committees should submit a request to the Town Clerk <mailto:townclerk@jamestownco.org> not later than April 30th.

For more information about individual committees contact the following:

Land Use and Housing Advisory Committee (LUHAC): Barbara Byrnes Lenarcic
<mailto:byrneslen@hotmail.com>

Watershed Steering Committee: Colleen Williams: <mailto:colleen.williams@jimtown.org>

Wildfire Safety Committees: Steering Committee and/or Firewise Committee: Allan Mueller:
<mailto:allanpmueller@gmail.com>

Guardrail Construction on Mill Street:

- Location: where the current jersey barriers are along the eastbound lane. Will be replacing the jersey barriers with a permanent guardrail.
- Construction start: Monday, May 4th
- Duration: estimated to be complete by end of June

One lane closed for duration of the project- watch for flaggers.

The following Emergency and Interim Federal legislation update was provided by Congressman Neguse on April 18th.

There are a number of stimulus bills in the pipeline:

Interim Emergency Package: This bill is primarily intended to **replenish the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). It would add \$310 Billion** to the \$350 Billion that has been exhausted from the original CARES act. Of the \$310 Billion, \$60 Billion is intended for small lenders and community-based financial institutions. Democrats were able to add some provisions to the Bill to correct some of the inadequacies of the original PPP program.

- Extending the Covered period for loan forgiveness to more than eight weeks
- Flexibility for small businesses with low Labor costs that are unfairly disadvantaged by the 75/25 rule.
- Lending institutions are prioritizing larger businesses over smaller ones. Modifications needed to incentivize lenders to accept smaller businesses.
- Include transparency and accountability.

In addition, the bill includes \$75 Billion for Hospitals, \$60 billion for Disaster Relief loans and grants, and \$25 Billion for COVID-19 testing. The whole bill is \$484 Billion.

This bill was passed by the Senate on April 21.

CARES 2.0: This bill will include some of the items that may be deleted from the Emergency Bill above, In addition to funding for food stamps and unemployment, there may be additional funds for higher education and local governments.

Infrastructure Bill: This bill would fund construction of Roads, Bridges and other infrastructure projects. Pretty much on the backburner for now.

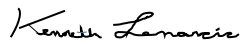
CARES ACT:

Unemployment Compensation + \$600/wk for contract employees, freelancer, etc. The portal for this benefit opened April 20th. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment began taking applications Monday, April 20th, for this CARES Act unemployment benefit. The benefit provides for additional \$600 per week in unemployment payments in addition to a reduced state benefit. <http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/covid-19/pua>

Economic Impact Payments of \$1200 per person plus \$500 per child have begun with persons who filed for refunds and gave a bank account number for IRS deposit for tax years 2018 or 2019 receiving the first round of payments. You can still provide the IRS with bank deposit information and that will increase your chances of getting your payment sooner. <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments> GET MY PAYMENT

The transition from Stay at Home to Safer at Home will have some important impacts on Jamestown; I will continue to keep you informed as the situation develops and becomes clearer. I hope you will all continue to apply social distancing, wear a mask when outdoors, and be patient with one another.

Sincerely,



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