



## City of Boulder City Council

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Jared Polis  
State Capitol Building  
200 E. Colfax Avenue, Rm. 136  
Denver, CO 80023

Dear Governor Polis,

On behalf of the City of Boulder, thank you for issuing Colorado's stay-at-home order effective March 25 through April 11<sup>th</sup>. As you know, Boulder had issued a similar order effective March 24. In solidarity with the state and in recognition that it is in our community's best interest to follow a uniform statewide set of rules, the city rescinded its order and along with Boulder County Public Health, directed our community to instead follow the state's mandate.

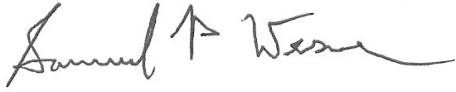
Given that the predicted surge in cases and deaths attributable to COVID-19 will occur closer to April 17, we now believe that the April 11<sup>th</sup> date is undoubtedly too soon to end the requirement to stay at home. However, we continue to want to closely coordinate with you on such matters. Toward that end, we urgently request that you extend the effective date of the state order to a date that preserves our health care system and allows our economy to move forward without risk of additional surges, and at least until April 30.

Many in our community are asking for as much certainty as can be expected in these uncertain times. Without some clarity on what this month holds, they are unnecessarily struggling to make critical personal and financial plans involving their employers, employees, customers and families. The city understands that public health officials predict that Colorado can expect to see an increase in coronavirus cases through at least the middle of this month and that, even once that peak is reached, it would take at least until the end of April before it would be appropriate to loosen current restrictions.

I appreciate and understand the enormous challenge you face in balancing the varying public health needs faced by our diverse state with the need to allow Coloradoans to resume normalcy as soon as possible. We believe, however, that April 30<sup>th</sup> is about as optimistic of a date as can be hoped for to begin loosening the restrictions which, under your leadership, are helping to meaningfully flatten the curve throughout Colorado. We also believe that people need to be made aware of this information as soon as possible so that they can make needed preparations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for the strong and effective leadership that you have provided as Colorado tackles this unprecedented public health crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Weaver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "W".

Sam Weaver

Mayor

cc: City Council