

Notice of Public Health Order- Outbreak Investigation

To: United States Post Office/ USPS
Re: USPS Distribution Center, 7550 E 53rd Pl, Denver, CO 80217

In response to the Department's investigation conducted today, May 20th, 2020, at the USPS Distribution Center located at 7550 E 53rd Pl, Denver, CO 80217, updated ORDERS are being issued to protect the health and safety of the workforce at this location. The State of Colorado has reported multiple confirmed COVID-19 cases of employees who work inside this facility.

Minimal observations were made during the site visit conducted 5/20/2020 at 12:30PM due to the refusal of information and access to the facility. The area the investigators were able to make observations from was a small public-facing space in comparison to the entire distribution warehouse buildings. In the general public post station with three employees assisting customers with proper face coverings and plastic curtains separating each employee check-out station.

Under the authority granted to the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE) to protect public health under DRMC §24-16, the facility is hereby ORDERED to comply with the following:

*****USPS LOCATED AT 7550 E 53rd Pl, DENVER CO 80217 IS HEREBY ORDERED TO CLOSE ALL ONSITE OPERATIONS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE FACILITY MUST REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL:**

- **The facility receives a complete disinfection of all surfaces with an approved COVID-19 disinfectant**
- **COVID-19 control measures (listed below) are implemented**
- **Control plans and procedures for how facility will implement with the COVID-19 control measures and comply with this public health order are submitted in writing to the Department**

APPROVAL FOR REOPENING MAY ONLY BE GRANTED BY A DDPHE REPRESENTATIVE.
COVID-19 CONTROLS ORDERS:

- Screen all employees at the beginning and end of each shift for symptoms of communicable illness. All employees shall be screened for fever, shortness of breath, cough, and other symptoms before being allowed to begin their shift. Temperatures shall be taken using a thermometer intended for the measurement of human body temperature. Appropriate safety measures shall be taken to prevent possible spread of illness between each employee. Any employees reporting illness at the beginning or end of their shift shall be sent home immediately. Screening shall continue until facility resumes normal business operations (i.e. business is open at 100%). All employee health screening forms shall be retained by the business until normal business operations resume, at minimum, as well. It is strongly recommended that a variation of this screening is incorporated into your routine employee illness policy after orders have been lifted.

- Ensure that all employees are wearing face coverings when at work, especially when within 6 feet of one another, including in breakrooms.
- Closely monitor ALL employees during their shift for the onset of the aforementioned symptoms and ensure that all appropriate good hygienic practices (hand washing, cleaning and sanitizing of high-touch point surfaces and objects, etc.) are being followed by employees throughout shift.
- Exclude from work any employees exhibiting the aforementioned symptoms until they are fever-free (without medication) for 72 hours AND 10 days have passed since their first symptom.
- Disinfect the entire facility, including, but not limited to, restrooms and all commonly touched surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, vending machines, punch in stations, break room tables, stools, chairs, booths, etc. as needed throughout the day and at the end of each shift to limit the spread of illness. Facility shall use an EPA approved disinfectant known to be effective against COVID-19 to perform these activities.
- Provide a line list of confirmed cases within 24 hours and then every Monday by noon until notified in writing by DDPHE that this is no longer needed.

Failure to comply with the orders issued may result in enforcement action, to include administrative citations and/or court summons action as outlined by §24-24 of the DRMC.

For more information, please reference the following attachments:

- **Guidance for Employers handout-** provides guidance on actions to be taken by the facility in response to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case;
- **Employee Health Screening forms-** as ordered, facility shall record temperatures and symptoms of all employees daily, weekly, or as often deemed necessary by DDPHE;
- **COVID-19 Disinfectants-** provides an overview of effective cleaning products;
- **DDPHE Handwashing-** provides signage reminding people to wash their hands; post this upon entry to your facility, in restrooms, eating areas, and other common areas;
- **COVID-19 Customer Poster-** provides social distancing reminders for customers for food and cannabis establishments;
- **2019 ncov factsheet-** provides facts about COVID-19;
- **Stop-the-spread-of-germs-** provides reminders on how to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, like COVID-19;
- **Sick with 2019-nCoV-factsheet-** is a one-page CDC document that can be reviewed with staff to provide basic information on the illness.
- **Line list-** a spreadsheet that allows for the gathering of information regarding confirmed employees

Links:

- **General CDC COVID-19 Info:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>
- **Additional resources specific to our Colorado response can be found at:** <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>

For questions or technical assistance, please contact us at phicomments@denvergov.org or by using the agency contact information included below. All Department orders and enforcement actions are appealable to the Board of Public Health & Environment under the Rules Governing Hearings before the Board.

Those experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness should use the same discretion as usual in determining when to seek medical attention. To report a suspected case or for additional local guidance, please call Denver Public Health at 303-602-3614 or the **CDPHE Disease Reporting Line**: 303-692-2700 or 303-370-9395 (after hours).

For general questions, call CO HELP at 1-877-462-2911. For question about this order, please contact Denver 311 or email DDPHEOutbreak@denvergov.org.

Regards,

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