



Department of Public Health and Environment

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to our attention that non-resident homeowners (second homeowners) are considering coming to San Miguel County to shelter in place during this time.

We would like to remind these members of our community and their property managers, that if they do choose to come to their homes in our county, please be prepared to shelter in place for an extended amount of time. Please also consider the following before making plans to come to San Miguel County:

- Anyone coming to San Miguel County from out of state should be prepared to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19. Please be prepared to be self-sufficient during this time and have groceries and mail and anything else you may need delivered to your property.
- We ask that if you come to your home here, please be prepared to possibly stay in San Miguel County for the coming weeks (after the 14-day quarantine) as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.
- San Miguel County's current shelter-in-place order restricts the operation of all non-essential businesses through at least April 3, but this will be revisited at the regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioner's meeting on April 1. Restaurant service is limited to take out only. Other businesses are currently closed and there are limited services here during this time.
- The State of Colorado's shelter-in-place order is currently in effect through April 11 and is similar to San Miguel County's order asking Coloradans to stay at home unless for necessary business and any critical businesses must comply with social distancing requirements.
- We have limited medical resources in our rural community, and we ask individuals who are high risk or who have underlying health issues to please consider staying at your primary residence closer to bigger medical facilities during this time.

For more information, please visit sanmiguelcountyco.gov/coronavirus, or you may reach out to our hotline at (970)728-3844 or email questions@sanmiguelcountyco.gov.

Thank you,

Grace Franklin and Dr. Sharon Grundy
San Miguel County of Public Health and Environment