

Carbondale Emergency Task Force

The Carbondale Emergency Task Force (CETF) is instructing the community to closely follow Garfield County's [Roadmap to Reopening—Safer at Home](#) as Colorado moves to a **Safer at Home** public health order, effective April 27, 2020.



In Garfield County, which is the local health authority for Carbondale, *some* businesses and agencies that were closed during Colorado's Stay at Home stage may again reopen on Monday, May 4, provided they make all required public health accommodations, and submit a [Garfield County Business Social Distancing Plan](#) to ensure a safe work environment. Garfield County's **Safer at Home** order intends to stabilize the community with continued social distancing in place, allowing businesses to begin slowly ramping up, while still protecting the well-being of its residents.

The Carbondale Emergency Task Force encourages the community to cooperate fully with **Safer at Home** measures, which help to support both public health and economic vitality, as follows:

Phased Reopening of Businesses

- For now, Garfield County is following the governor's plan, with two notable differences:
 1. Garfield County is already allowing retailers to provide curbside delivery and pickup. This is not changing.
 2. Retail and personal services cannot reopen until Monday, May 4. The governor's order states May 1. All businesses and agencies must submit a Garfield County [Business Social Distancing Plan](#).
- On April 27, in-person real estate showings may begin, but open houses are prohibited.
- Carbondale businesses and agencies must go to garfield-county.com, and fill out the online **Garfield County Business Social Distancing Plan**. This includes all businesses – regardless of whether they are currently in operation or not. The form only takes a few minutes to complete. The county isn't conducting inspections; but will contact a business if it receives reports of an establishment out of compliance with public health orders.
- Restaurants may continue curbside pickup and delivery services, but not provide internal dining at this time.
- On May 4, under strict social distancing precautions, medical and dental offices can reopen; retail businesses can open to the public beyond curbside pickup and delivery; personal services, including salons, dog grooming, personal training, tattoo parlors; and large workplaces may return at 50 percent of the in-person workforce, with symptoms and temperature checks as employees enter.
- Public health experts and county staff will collaborate with stakeholders, including local elected officials, businesses, nonprofits and more to develop plans that will ease restrictions while limiting the potential spread of COVID-19.
- In the coming days, Colorado Governor Jared Polis is expected to officially announce the parameters for personal service businesses to reopen, with strict precautions. Any governor's order that eases statewide restrictions does not supersede compliance with local health orders; personal services should not reopen until these directives are officially conveyed and safety measures can be fully implemented.
- Any questions or inquiries should be directed to Garfield County Public Health at 970-625- 5200, ext. 8120, or [submit questions online](#).

What Safer at Home Means

- The community is advised to continue to Stay at Home as much as possible and only leave for specific tasks
- For older adults and/ or those with a chronic health condition, it's recommended to stay at home
- Social distancing must continue, maintaining a distance of six feet from other people while in public, and wearing a facial mask which covers nose and mouth
- Continue to limit interactions to members of your household only
- Gatherings of no more than ten people
- Not everything is opening back up at this time, *Safer at Home* is not *Back to Normal*

The [Garfield County Road Map document](#) aims to assist the community in entering into a stabilization phase. Indicators that must be met to move into this phase include a sustained decrease in COVID-19 cases for 14 days; hospitals able to aid patients without resorting to crisis standards of care; offering testing for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and actively monitoring all cases; and ensuring clear social-distancing protocols remain in place. A recovery phase requires that a vaccine is widely available.

Reopening of Town of Carbondale Facilities

The community is urged to remain patient as the Town of Carbondale seeks further direction from the State regarding the safest process and reopening timeline of public facilities including playgrounds, bike parks, skate park, and tennis courts. At this stage, these facilities remain closed. Parks and trails continue to remain open.

“The Governor’s ‘Safer at Home’ order and Garfield County’s ‘Roadmap to Re-opening’ is a welcome adjustment to the new ‘Stabilization phase.’ But I urge everyone to recognize that our adherence to hygiene, mask and distancing guidance is even more critical now to protect our vulnerable population and support our local businesses.” said Dan Richardson, Mayor of Carbondale. “This phase, while it may be updated if possible, will last at least through the summer and potentially longer, depending on how well we as a community, and our visitors are able to contain the spread of the virus. For current updates please be sure to follow Garfield County guidelines as Carbondale’s public health authority. Please be safe to keep Carbondale strong.”

The Town of Carbondale established the **Carbondale Emergency Task Force (CETF)**, a collective group of volunteer and organizational expertise from across the community to provide support and guidance to the town in key areas of the potential impact from the COVID-19 global pandemic public health crisis. The community is encouraged to visit the CETF webpage and the English and Spanish language CETF Facebook pages for all public announcements and updates from the Task Force:

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