



RIO GRANDE COUNTY COVID-19

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RELEASE: Rio Grande County Variance Requests Approved by CDPHE

May 19, 2020

12:30 p.m.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY - The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has approved the Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners' variance request to specific sections of Public Health Order 20-28, "Safer at Home". As of May 19, 2020, the Rio Grande County Board of Health passed the "Standing Public Health Order: Alternative Restrictions to Safer at Home Executive and Public Health Orders" to allow variance approvals to be put into place.

The variance approval is only for the following specific categories, as long as each can meet specific alternate restrictions listed in the Public Health Order:

- *Restaurants – can open for in-person dining up to 30% of seating capacity;*
- *Gyms – can open at 30% capacity;*
- *Place of Worship – can meet at 30% seating capacity; and*
- *RV Parks – can open group gathering spaces and common areas with a 30% capacity limit per space.*

This variance is in effect until the final expiration of Public Health Order 20-28, which is currently set for May 26, 2020 but may be extended. There is a set of data, or threshold levels, the Board of Health will be monitoring related to COVID-19 cases and capacity. If Rio Grande County exceeds these levels, the variance will be rescinded.