



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the [Public Health Order](#) issued on March 23, all non-essential construction will shut down by **7 pm, March 31st**. This will give current projects a week to take the necessary steps to prepare their job sites for closure. This order was **issued by Public Health** and will remain in effect until **April 17th**. The Community Development Department will ensure that staff will be as available as possible to assist in preparing job sites for closure. We anticipate an increase in Inspection request and ask that you review our [Inspection Policy](#) to ensure your job site meets the requirements listed. Sections of the public health order that pertain to the construction community are placed below but please review the order in its entirety.

### Public Health Order March 23:

“For clarity, residential and commercial construction is a business not listed as an Essential Business (in the order),” according to Monday’s directive. “Residential and Commercial construction sites may continue minimum basic operations **until March 31, 2020**, for the purposes of safely securing and closure of their construction site.”

H. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including, but not limited to, public works construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible.

For Building Shut Down questions Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm please call  
Brian Pawl at 970-456-2113 or Tony Popish 970-920-5101

After hour questions should be emailed to

[ConstructionShutdownHotline@pitkincounty.com](mailto:ConstructionShutdownHotline@pitkincounty.com) and will be answered in 24 hours.

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As of March 24, all construction projects have one week to safely secure and close down their job sites.

- If a project is nearing completion, the permit holder shall be required to finalize any remaining inspections by **7 pm March 31, 2020**
- If a project is not nearing completion, then preparations and inspections must be made to reach a safe, secure and weather resistant stopping point for the project to remain dormant until April 17th or beyond if necessary.
- Inspections will need to be scheduled for all active projects following the currently posted Temporary Inspection Protocol located on the Pitkin County Website. This protocol allows photo or video inspections when acceptable, or when warranted, minimally attended site inspections to be conducted to verify jobsite status and for inspection of any recently completed scope of work.

As of **7 pm next Tuesday, March 31st**, there should not be any active building sites in Pitkin County with the possible exception of crucial public projects as expressly outlined in the order.

There are no exceptions to the Residential and Commercial Construction order, except for tradespeople who are responding to an emergency issue, such as an electrical or plumbing emergency;

- Appropriate repair permits must be obtained through the Pitkin County online submission, review and issuance process.
- Permits must be obtained in a reasonable time and manner if emergency work is performed.

This is not a Community Development or Building Department mandate, this is a Public Health Order and the Sheriff's Office will be out enforcing and anyone found violating the order can be incarcerated.

This order will be in effect until April 17th or until extended, revised or replaced.

#### Helpful Information For You and Your Staff

##### **Aspen to Parachute Relief**

Please go to [www.pitkincounty.com/gethelp](http://www.pitkincounty.com/gethelp)

All local assistance programs and organizations are listed there in one place.

**Local Hotlines- [COVID info](http://www.pitkincounty.com/gethelp) 970-429-6186.**

[www.pitkincounty.com/gethelp](http://www.pitkincounty.com/gethelp) - Look under the "Mental Health" tab

Hope Hotline: 970-925-5858

Mindsprings: 970-920-5555