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**FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
PANDEMIC NON-CONGREGATE SHELTERING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
ISSUED APRIL 1, 2020**

This Order is issued by the Fremont County Public Health Director pursuant to §25-1-509, C.R.S., providing requirements and guidance for, as well as limitations on, pandemic non-congregate sheltering due to COVID-19 virus. This Order is effective within the entirety of Fremont County, including all municipalities within the County until April 30, 2020.

Subsequent to President Trump's March 13, 2020, Nationwide Emergency Declaration for Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognized that non-congregate sheltering may be necessary in this Public Health Emergency to protect public health and save lives.

On March 16, 2020, the Chairman of the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners declared a local disaster emergency, which has been extended through April 19, 2020 and is subject to further extension by the Board of Commissioners.

"NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER" is any private or public facility providing contingency refuge to those who do not require hospitalization, but need isolation and quarantine due to the public health emergency.

Fremont County is home to vulnerable target populations that may have no ability to self-isolate or self-quarantine due to living conditions or situations, such as homelessness or communal living arrangements. These populations include those who test positive for COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization but need isolation; those who have been exposed to COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization; and asymptomatic high-risk individuals needing social distancing as a precautionary measure. The scientific evidence also shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is critical to slow transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent Colorado's health care system from being overwhelmed. Non-congregate sheltering of healthcare workers and first responders who require isolation may be eligible for non-congregate shelter when determined necessary by the Fremont County Public Health Director, as provided herein.

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER:

- A. Non-congregate shelter shall be provided to those in vulnerable target populations who require isolation or quarantine and lack the ability to self-isolate or self-quarantine.
- B. Fremont County Department of Public Health and Environment (FCDPHE) and/or the Fremont County Department of Human Services (FCDHS) shall evaluate and identify that may require non-congregate shelter to determine those meeting the criteria for such services.

C. The Department of Human Services, shall coordinate non-congregate shelter needs and requirements in conjunction with FCDPHE, in accordance with FEMA and CDC guidelines.

D. An individual meeting the eligibility requirements for emergency non-congregate shelter shall be provided shelter for the full term of isolation or quarantine as determined by FCDPHE.

E. FCDHS shall coordinate transportation to and from the non-congregate shelter, as necessary and appropriate.

F. FCDHS shall coordinate other services for individuals housed in non-congregate shelter, such as food, security, case management, laundry, housekeeping and recreation.

This Public Health Order shall expire April 30, 2020, unless extended further by Public Health Order.

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