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State updates dial framework to allow more flexibility for places of worship and educational institutions

Worship activities are now deemed essential

REMOTE, (Dec. 7, 2020): Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released an amended [public health order](#) that provides updates to the COVID-19 dial framework today.

The new changes, effective 5 p.m. Dec. 7, are:

- Worship and ceremonies such as weddings and funerals are classified as essential. This means that they must do their best to follow public health recommendations but may exceed recommended capacity caps if they cannot conduct their essential activity within those restrictions. They still must require masks indoors and other prevention measures like 6 foot spacing between members of different households and appropriate sanitation. Outdoor activities are still strongly preferred.
- Institutions like museums, aquariums, or zoos may open indoors in order to perform educational functions, up to 25% or 25 people per room, whichever is fewer.
- [Review the summary of changes.](#)

The Colorado COVID-19 dial is a tool that allows Colorado to balance the urgent need to contain the virus with the need for localized guidance during the pandemic. [Learn more about the dial.](#)

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