



# MEDIA RELEASE

## San Juan County

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### **Updated Health Officer Order on Transient Lodging**

On Wednesday June 3rd, San Juan County Health Officer Dr. Frank James signed a new order ([June 3rd, Order 2020-7](#)) that modifies the previous limits on transient lodging in San Juan County.

#### **What are the Details?**

All transient lodging operators are allowed to operate at 50% capacity, provided they adhere to specific [safety guidelines released](#) with the new order.

This order applies to all transient overnight lodging in San Juan County, including hotels and motels, camping, moorage, and vacation rentals.

#### **When does this order to into effect?**

Immediately.

#### **Why was this new order issued?**

Previously, the lifting of the lodging ban was tied to San Juan County's move to Phase 3. There were numerous concerns about the challenges of lodging operators ramping up without adequate time to train staff, refine safety plans, clean and modify facilities in order to prepare. This order aims to create a limited capacity ramp up period to ensure safe operation.

#### **When will transient accommodations be able to operate at greater than 50% capacity?**

Capacity may move to 100% capacity when San Juan County moves to Phase 3.

#### **If we experience increased case volumes or community transmission, will the ban be reinstated or will the limits be adjusted?**

Impacts to the community will be monitored, and if necessary, a reinstatement of the ban on lodging or adjustment of capacity limits will be considered.

#### **Who will be monitoring lodging operators to ensure compliance with the safety and operations guidelines?**

San Juan County staff are planning to perform periodic audits of lodging providers to evaluate safety precautions and educate on best practices. To report potential violators of this or any other Health Officer order, please contact 360-370-7609 or [covid-19tipshotline@sanjuanco.com](mailto:covid-19tipshotline@sanjuanco.com).

#### **Where do I find the Order and the safety guidance?**

[Order is located online here.](#) [Safety guidance is here.](#)