ORDER NO. 2021-1

SAN JUAN COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
REGARDING COVID-19; REPEALING ORDERS 2020-10, 2020-6, AND 2020-4 AND
PORTIONS OF ORDERS 2020-9, 2020-8, 2020-7, 2020-5, AND 2020-3

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is caused by a virus that spreads easily
from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World
Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread throughout Washington State, including San Juan County,
significantly threatening the life and health of persons in San Juan County;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can spread from people without symptoms, including persons who are
asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, to others;

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a
State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the COVID-19
outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington
State;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proclamations 20-05 et seq. and accompanying guidance provide
for a statewide framework for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, in recent weeks the Governor has scaled back statewide restrictions and other
measures due to the success of COVID-19 vaccination efforts and the reduction in the spread of
COVID-19 statewide;

WHEREAS, in recent months San Juan County, with the assistance of its federal, state, and
local partners, has undertaken a monumental vaccination effort which has resulted in approximately
81% of its residents aged 16 or older initiating vaccination against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of San Juan County residents aged 12-15 have recently
completed vaccinations at local events which will result in increased protection from COVID-19 that is
fully effective for these individuals on June 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine together with the anticipated
effectiveness of voluntary compliance with non-pharmaceutical health measures such as social
distancing, frequent hand washing, hand sanitizer use, and the wearing of cloth face coverings when
appropriate are expected to continue to curb the spread of the disease to manageable levels;

WHEREAS, San Juan County has a well-trained and stable response team that is and has been
engaged in contact tracing and other health efforts and will continue to respond to cases of known or
potential COVID-19 cases in the county,
WHEREAS, RCW 70.05.070 requires and empowers the local health officer to take such action as is necessary to control and prevent the spread of any contagious or infectious diseases within the jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, WAC 246-100-036, requires the local health officer, when necessary, to institute disease control measures as he or she deems necessary based on his or her professional judgment, current standards of practice, and the best available medical and scientific information; and

WHEREAS, in my professional judgment, based on the current standards of practice and the best available medical and scientific information, it is my determination that while all persons shall continue to abide by any applicable state or federal requirements, the following are no longer necessary to control and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in San Juan County:

- Local limitations on transient accommodations, campgrounds, and camping facilities;
- Local limitations and notice requirements for playgrounds;
- Local face covering requirements after June 26, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Frank James, Local Health Officer for San Juan County, under the authority of RCW 70.05.070, RCW 43.20.050, and WAC 246-100-036, and on the basis of the foregoing recitals, make the following ORDER:

1. The purpose of this order is to eliminate the requirements established in San Juan County Health Officer Orders adopted in 2020 pertaining to face coverings, transient accommodations, campgrounds, camping facilities, and playgrounds. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict with this and other San Juan County Health Officer Orders, this order shall control. This order shall be liberally construed to carry out its purposes.

2. San Juan County Health Officer Order Nos. 2020-10, 2020-6, and 2020-4, regarding Face Coverings, are each repealed.

3. San Juan County Health Officer Order Nos. 2020-9 § 2 and 2020-7 § 3, regarding Transient Accommodations, Campgrounds, and Camping facilities, are each repealed.

4. San Juan County Health Officer Order Nos. 2020-9 § 3, 2020-8 § 1, and 2020-3 § 1, regarding Playgrounds, are each repealed.

5. San Juan County Health Officer Order Nos. 2020-9 § 4, 2020-8 § 2, and 2020-3 § 2, regarding Playgrounds Notice, are each repealed.

6. Those portions of San Juan County Health Officer Order No. 2020-5 § 1 pertaining to expiration of Order No. 2020-3 §§ 1-2 are repealed.

Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this order are effective immediately. Section 2 of this order is effective at 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2021.

DATED this 19 day of JUNE, 2021 at 11:51 a.m.

FRANK JAMES, M.D
SAN JUAN COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER