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San Juan Basin Public Health Launches Business Self-Certification Tool for Businesses in La Plata County

Durango, Colo.: Today, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) launched a self-certification tool for businesses and worksites planning to re-open in La Plata County, as well as those already open, to demonstrate their compliance with the requirements issued in Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) [Public Health Order 20-28](#). CDPHE's order provides public health guidance for Governor Polis's ['Safer at Home' Executive Order](#). SJBPH is hopeful that taking these precautions now will improve the odds of keeping businesses open in the long run, by reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Self-certification is a requirement of SJBPH's public health order ['Safer La Plata'](#) to ensure that businesses and worksites reopening or already open in La Plata County are implementing required precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All businesses in the county are required to self-certify, including those already open.

SJBPH asks that local businesses and worksites complete steps in order below to meet self-certification requirements:

- Review the guidance document issued by the state that provides requirements for specific business categories found here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybl945ht>
- Implement requirements according to state guidelines
- Complete SJBPH's self-certification form before May 8th if planning to open on that date, or before opening at a later date: <https://forms.laplata.co.us/Forms/BusinessCert>

Taking Archuleta County businesses and worksites are welcome to utilize SJBPH's self-certification tool as a way to demonstrate to their employees and customers their commitment to providing safe and healthy workplaces.

SJBPH thanks La Plata County for their help in the development of this tool and their continued partnership in the emergency response to COVID-19.

SJBPH appreciates the efforts of local businesses and worksites to ensure a safe re-opening for the protection of both employees and customers in La Plata County, and to prevent a surge in COVID-19 cases locally as re-opening occurs.

For the most up to date information on how to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19, visit SJBPH's website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.

San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of the Southwest Colorado community.

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