There is no statutory law that requires you, your employees, or your customers to wear a mask, get their temperature taken or stay six feet apart.

There is no law that requires you to serve your customers outside or reduce the number of people in your business establishment.

In fact, if you require your customers to wear a mask or restrict their movement or entry if they are not wearing a mask, **you are at risk for violating several federal and state laws.**

Any violation of the following laws WILL BE REPORTED to the appropriate authorities. As the person responsible for this establishment, **YOU PERSONALLY** will be at risk for fines and imprisonment upon conviction of these crimes:

**U.S. FEDERAL LAWS**

**1. U.S. Constitution, 1st Amendment, Right to Assemble, Right to Freedom of Speech, Right to Religious Expression**

Requiring someone to wear a mask as a condition to assemble in your place of public accommodation is an infringement of the right protected under the U.S. Constitution, the highest law of the land. No law is valid or lawful that violates the Constitution. No health order, emergency order, state of emergency, municipal ordinance, or store policy may suspend or violate the Constitution, period.

**2. U.S. Constitution, 4th Amendment, Right to Privacy**

Forcing a person to wear a mask without their consent is a violation of the 4th Amendment. Further, gathering vital statistics such as taking one’s temperature is a violation of a person’s right to privacy. Violation of this protection will result in your actions being reported to the U.S. Department of Justice, which is required by law to investigate Civil Rights Violations. No law is valid or lawful that violates the Constitution. No health order, emergency order, state of emergency, municipal ordinance, or store policy may suspend or violate the Constitution, period.

**3. U.S. Title 52, Civil Rights Act of 1964: Unlawful to Discriminate in place of Public Accommodations**

Your business establishment is legally defined as a place of “public accommodation” and as such you may not prohibit entry by discriminating against someone for their medical condition, disability, or religious views. If someone is unable or unwilling to wear a mask for one of those reasons you may not prohibit their entry, nor may you file a charge of trespassing because of their legally protected status. **Just as you would not be able to deny entry to someone based on their skin color, you may not deny entry to someone based on their bare face.** Having someone else shop for them, or requiring curbside delivery is NOT a reasonable accommodation, as it denies the “full enjoyment and equal access to facilities, services and accommodations,” as REQUIRED BY LAW.

**4. U.S. Title 42, Section 12101: Unlawful to Deny Entry to Persons with Disability or perceived medical condition (ADA)**

Your business establishment is legally defined as a place of “public accommodation” and as such you may not prohibit entry by discriminating against someone for their medical condition or disability. If someone is unable or unwilling to wear a mask for one of those reasons you may not prohibit their entry, nor may you file a charge of trespassing because of their legally protected status**. Just as you would not be able to deny entry to someone in a wheelchair, you may not deny entry to someone not wearing a mask.** Having someone else shop for them, or requiring curbside delivery is NOT a reasonable accommodation, as it denies the “full enjoyment and equal access to facilities, services and accommodations,” as REQUIRED BY LAW.

**5. U.S. Americans with Disabilities Act: Unlawful to Deny Entry to Persons with Disability or perceived medical condition**

Your business establishment is legally defined as a place of “public accommodation” and as such you may not prohibit entry by discriminating against someone for their medical condition or disability. If someone is unable or unwilling to wear a mask for one of those reasons you may not prohibit their entry, nor may you file a charge of trespassing because of their legally protected status**. Just as you would not be able to deny entry to someone in a wheelchair, you may not deny entry to someone not wearing a mask.** Having someone else shop for them, or requiring curbside delivery is NOT a reasonable accommodation, as it denies the “full enjoyment and equal access to facilities, services and accommodations,” as REQUIRED BY LAW

**COLORADO STATE LAWS**

**1. Colorado Constitution, Article 2, Section 3**

All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness and privacy. Therefore, attempting to deny a customer from acquiring property by shopping at your business or to deny their access to services that they have the right to enjoy is unlawful and a violation of Constitutional liberties.

**2. Colorado Constitution, Article 2, Section 10**

Every person may freely speak. A law may not restrain or abridge livery of speech. (Muzzling one’s face with a muzzle does not allow for one to freely speak, and it abridges freedom of speech.) Therefore, denying entry due to a person not wearing a mask is a violation of the Colorado Constitution,

**3. Colorado Constitution, Article 2, Section 4**

Free exercise and enjoyment of religious expression without discrimination. If covering one’s face intrudes on the religious expression of an individual, that right to religious expression may not be denied.

**4. Colorado Revised Statutes 12-36-129: Practicing medicine without a license**

Requiring someone to wear a mask is a medical intervention. Unless you are a licensed medical professional, you have no authority to recommend such a practice. Further, a surgical mask is designated by the FDA as a “medical device”. You have no legal authority responsibility or liability to require that of either your customers or your employees. This offense is punishable by up to 12 months in jail and a fine of up to $1,000.

No “emergency order” supersedes established law. Any “health order” related to mask wearing is unlawful and unenforceable by law.

**5. Colorado Revised Statutes 18-8-112: Impersonating a peace officer**

You are not a law enforcement officer and have no authority to enforce any law or order. Impersonating a law enforcement officer is a crime in this state under **Colorado Revised Statutes 18-8-112.** This violation carries the penalty of up to 18 months in jail. You will be reported to authorities for this violation.

**6. Colorado Civil Code 24-36-601 1: Free and Equal Access to Public Accommodations**

Your business establishment is legally defined as a place of “public accommodation” and as such you may not prohibit entry by discriminating against someone for their medical condition, disability, or religious views. If someone is unable or unwilling to wear a mask for one of those reasons you may not prohibit their entry, nor may you file a charge of trespassing because of their legally protected status. **Just as you would not be able to**

**deny entry to someone wearing a turban, you may not deny entry to someone not wearing a mask.** Having someone else shop for them, or requiring curbside delivery is NOT a reasonable accommodation, as it denies the “full enjoyment and equal access to facilities, services and accommodations,” as REQUIRED BY LAW.

**To file a civil rights violation complaint, visit https://ccrd.colorado.gov/colorado-civil-rights commission or call 800-886-7675**

**7. Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act: Individuals with disabilities have the same rights as others**

Individuals with disabilities or medical conditions have the same right as the general public to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, medical facilities, **including hospitals, clinics, and physicians’ offices**, public facilities, and other public places. **Just as you would not be able to deny entry to someone in a wheelchair, you may not deny entry to someone not wearing a mask.** Having someone else shop for them, or requiring curbside delivery is NOT a reasonable accommodation, as it denies the “full enjoyment and equal access to facilities, services and accommodations,” as REQUIRED BY LAW.

**8. Colorado Civil Code 24-36-601 2.5: Disabled have full and equal access**

**Individuals with disabilities or medical conditions** have the same right as the general public in attaining full and equal access to all public accommodations and their advantages, facilities and privileges to places of public accommodation, amusement or resort; and to other places to which he general public is invited, including public modes of transportation private schools, hotels, **hospitals** and public buildings, such as courthouses, government buildings. Aggrieved persons may recover up to three times the actual damages or a minimum of $1,000, injunctive relief and reasonable attorney’s fees.

**9. Colorado Department of Regulatory Civil Rights Commission 3CCR 708-1: Protects the disabled against discrimination or unfair practices in employment, housing, places of public accommodations and advertising.**

Any person who holds a license pursuant to the business and professions code is subject to disciplinary action of that person discriminates in, restricts the performance of, or refuses to perform the licensed activity because of a consumer’s race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, disability, marital status or national origin.

**10. Colorado Penal Code 18-3-303, False Imprisonment**

Attempting to prevent someone’s entry to this establishment or to restrict, detain or confine their movement without their consent constitutes FALSE IMPRISONMENT, which can be a felony, with the penalty of three years in jail. If you deny someone’s entry to your place of public accommodation based on their medical condition or religious beliefs, you are at risk for charged with false imprisonment and punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to $1,000.

**11. Colorado Penal Code 18-9-106: Disorderly Conduct**

Disorderly conduct is a Class 1 petty offense carrying a penalty up to $500 and/or six months in jail.

(1) A person commits disorderly conduct if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

(a) Makes a coarse and obviously offensive utterance, gesture, or display in a public place and the utterance, gesture, or display tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace; or

(b) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2000, p. 708, § 39, effective July 1, 2000.)

(c) Makes unreasonable noise in a public place or near a private residence that he has no right to occupy; or

(d) Fights with another in a public place except in an amateur or professional contest of athletic skill; or

(e) Not being a peace officer, discharges a firearm in a public place except when engaged in lawful target practice or hunting or the ritual discharge of blank ammunition cartridges as an attendee at a funeral for a deceased person who was a veteran of the armed forces of the United States; or

(f) Not being a peace officer, displays a deadly weapon, displays any article used or fashioned in a manner to cause a person to reasonably believe that the article is a deadly weapon, or represents verbally or otherwise that he or she is armed with a deadly weapon in a public place in a manner calculated to alarm.

**12. Colorado Penal Code 18-9-11: Harassment**

If you aggressively seek to harass or intimidate someone with the threat of violine, you could be in violation of Colorado Penal Code 18-9-11, assault. An assault is an unlawful attempt, coupled with a present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another, even if no one is physically hurt by your behavior.

NOTE: NO STORE POLICY MAY VIOLATE ESTABLISHED LAW

Just as your place of business may not institute “Fist-fight Fridays” or encourage customers to engage in pickpocketing or require someone to snort a line of cocaine as a condition of entry, your “store policy” may not violate the established laws set forth in this notice.

No claim of an “emergency” or “executive orders” or “health orders” or “city ordinances” excuses you from violating the laws set forth in this notice.

Further, as a place of public accommodation (even as a private business) you have extended an irrevocable license (privilege) to the public to enter your establishment and you may not deny entry based on race, religion, disability or other protected characteristics.

**THUS: By denying entry to a customer who is not wearing a mask for either medical or religious reasons, YOU ARE IN VIOLATION of at least five federal laws and 12 Colorado state laws, including:**

US Constitution, 1st Amendment, 4th Amendment

US Title 42, US Title 52

Colorado Constitution Article 2, sections 3, 4, 10

Colorado Revised Statutes 12-36-129

Colorado Revised Statutes 18-8-112

Colorado Civil Code 24-36-601 1

Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act

Colorado Civil Code 24-36-601 2.5

3CCR 708-1

Colorado Penal Code 18-9-106

Colorado Penal Code 18-9-11

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of a potential CITIZEN’S ARREST for violations of the above laws, under CRS 16-3-201, which authorizes a private person to make a citizen’s arrest in Colorado.**

Under the authority of 2020 Colorado Revised Statutes 16-3-201, a private person may arrest another person for any crime committed in the presence of the private person if the private person has probable cause to believe the arrested person committed the crime. A private person making such an arrest shall, without unnecessary delay, take the arrested person before a magistrate or deliver the arrested person to a peace officer.

THEREFORE, you and your employees have hereby been PUT ON NOTICE of potential civil and criminal violations of unlawfully preventing the lawful entry of any member of the public.

YOU ARE AT RISK FOR A CITIZEN’S ARREST, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CRS 16-3-201, WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT BEING SUMMONED FOR YOUR VIOLATIONS OF THE ABOVE LAWS. INITIAL\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**What is the legal definition of a trespass?**

**Colorado Penal Code 18-4-502: First degree criminal trespass**

A person commits the crime of first degree criminal trespass if such person knowingly and unlawfully enters or remains in a dwelling of another or if such person enters any motor vehicle with intent to commit a crime therein. First degree criminal trespass is a class 5 felony.

**Colorado Penal Code 18-4-503: Second degree criminal trespass** (1) A person commits the crime of second degree criminal trespass if such person:

(a) Unlawfully enters or remains in or upon the premises of another which are enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders or are fenced; or

(b) Knowingly and unlawfully enters or remains in or upon the common areas of a hotel, motel, condominium, or apartment building; or

(c) Knowingly and unlawfully enters or remains in a motor vehicle of another. (2) Second degree criminal trespass is a class 3 misdemeanor, but:

(a) It is a class 2 misdemeanor if the premises have been classified by the county assessor for the county in which the land is situated as agricultural land pursuant to section 39-1- 102 (1.6), C.R.S.; and

(b) It is a class 4 felony if the person trespasses on premises so classified as agricultural land with the intent to commit a felony thereon.

(3) Whenever a person is convicted of, pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, receives a deferred judgment or sentence for, or is adjudicated a juvenile delinquent for, a violation of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section, the offender's driver's license shall be revoked as provided in section 42-2-125, C.R.S.

**Colorado Penal Code 18-4-504: Third degree criminal trespass**

(1) A person commits the crime of third degree criminal trespass if such person unlawfully enters or remains in or upon premises of another.

(2) Third degree criminal trespass is a class 1 petty offense, but:

(a) It is a class 3 misdemeanor if the premises have been classified by the county assessor for the county in which the land is situated as agricultural land pursuant to section 39-1- 102 (1.6), C.R.S.; and

(b) It is a class 5 felony if the person trespasses on premises so classified as agricultural land with the intent to commit a felony thereon.

HOW TO MAKE A CITIZEN’S ARREST IN COLORADO:

1. First, CALL 911 to report a crime in progress.

2. Inform the perpetrator of the intended arrest, using the following language:

a) “You are hereby informed of my attention to place you under citizen’s arrest.”

b) “You have willfully and knowingly violated these laws: (read off the list of violations as applicable)”

c) “My authority to arrest you is granted by 2020 CRS 16-3-201”

d) “I have called law enforcement to the scene”

e) “I am requesting your cooperation until law enforcement arrives”.

f) “If you refuse to cooperate or attempt to flee the scene, I have the right to use reasonable force to detain you.”

g) “The law allows for you to be kept out of harm’s way in a secluded location until law enforcement arrives.”

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