The Colorado Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that the state legislature may extend its lawmaking term after taking a pause because of the new coronavirus pause.
The Colorado General Assembly temporarily recessed on March 14 because of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, and it’s not clear when state lawmakers will return.

The legislature was initially supposed to resume on Monday, but extended the break because the outbreak has only worsened since they halted the 2020 legislative session.

The session was supposed to end on May 6, but after Wednesday’s ruling will be extended.

Lawmakers must pass a budget before July.

This is a developing story that will be updated.

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The new deaths – up 11 from Tuesday – include four fatalities in Adams County.

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Gov. Jared Polis said he would wait to decide whether to extend his stay-at-home order, which was issued last week and is set to expire on April 11.

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Grocery store workers can't adhere to social distancing guidelines by the nature of their jobs, meaning they may be at higher risk. "They're on the frontlines with us,” one health expert says.