

SECOND AMENDED PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

March 19, 2020

This Public Health Order is issued pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 25-1-506 and other applicable authority. This Order shall apply to all of Larimer County, Colorado. All parties must follow the requirements stated herein.

On March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a state of Emergency related to the presence of COVID-19 in the State. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has confirmed that COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the State of Colorado.

On March 13, 2020, Larimer County declared a Local Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19.

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19.

On March 15, 2020 the Larimer County Public Health Director issued a Public Health Order prohibiting Events of 250 or more people and all Events at Senior Community Centers. The Larimer County Department of Health and Environment ("LCDHE") has continued to monitor the situation.

On March 16, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued an order closing all bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums and casinos.

On March 17, 2020 the Larimer County Public Health Director issued an order closing all bars, restaurants, theaters and gymnasiums, and restricting Events to 50 people or less.

On March 19, 2020 the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued an order closing Nonessential Personal Service Facilities to the public.

The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population in Larimer County places it at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID 19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, some persons with mild symptoms and asymptomatic persons with COVID-19 may place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk. A large surge in the number of persons with serious infections could compromise the capability of the healthcare system.





Limitations on large gatherings and use of social distancing decreases the risk of COVID-19 transmission to our most vulnerable populations, and is especially important for people who are over 60 years old and those with chronic health conditions due to their higher risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19. This Order will reduce the likelihood that many individuals will be exposed to COVID-19 at a single event, and will therefore slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506, Colorado Revised Statutes. Under this law, the Larimer County Public Health Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health and to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and in pursuance thereof, and for this purpose only, to exercise physical control over property and over the persons of the people within the jurisdiction of the agency as the agency may find necessary for the protection of the public health.

GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE PROHIBITED

Effective at 12 p.m. on March 19, 2020, all mass gatherings shall be limited to no more than ten (10) people. Gatherings subject to this Order include, but are not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based events, sporting events with spectators, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, festivals, and any similar event or activity that brings together (10) or more persons in a single room or space at the same time in a venue such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, private club, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space.

This Order shall not apply to the following:

- A. The Colorado State Legislature or the Colorado courts;
- B. Normal operations at airports, bus and train stations, health care, grocery or retail stores, pharmacies, or other spaces where (10) or more persons may be in transit for essential goods and services;
- C. As authorized in Public Health Order 20-22, restaurants may continue to offer delivery and take out food services in accord with the requirements contained in Order; and



D. Office environments, government buildings where essential government services are offered, or factories where more than (10) people are present but social distancing measures of maintaining at least 6 feet between individuals is standard.

E. All Nonessential person service facilities are to be closed to the public. “Nonessential personal services” means services and products that are not necessary to maintain an individual’s health or safety, or the sanitation or essential operation of a business or residence. Nonessential personal services include, but are not limited to, hair or nail salons, spas, or tattoo or massage parlors.

IV. FURTHER GUIDANCE

Further guidelines for social distance are available at www.larimer.org/health

V. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PERSONS AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER

LCDHE is tasked with protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Larimer County, Colorado by investigating and controlling the causes of epidemic and communicable disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. Immediate issuance of this Order is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare.

Any person aggrieved and affected by this Order has the right to request judicial review; an action with the Larimer County District Court within 90 days of the date of this Order, pursuant to section 25-1-515, Colorado Revised Statutes. However, you must continue to obey the terms of this Order while your request for review is pending.

This Order takes effect at 12 p.m. on March 19, 2020 and remains in effect for 30 days, unless otherwise extended in writing.

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FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 25-1-516 AND 18-1.3-501, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) DOLLARS AND IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS OR OTHER REMEDY AVAILABLE AT LAW.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Gonzales", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Gonzales, MPH
Larimer County Public Health Director.