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## **Amended and Restated Standing Public Health Orders**

**April 23, 2020 at 8:00 PM MST**

### **COVID-19 Safer-At-Home Order**

#### **THIS ORDER SHALL RESCIND AND REPLACE ALL PREVIOUS ORDERS**

1. **Purpose, Effective Area.** This Public Health Order is being issued to limit the health impacts of COVID-19. This Order sets forth requirements for general public conduct; group gatherings and events; business operations, including retail, restaurant, and personal services; short-term lodging; and provides additional guidance to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This Order is effective within the entirety of Lake County, including the City of Leadville.
2. **Effective Date and Time, Limitations.** The Public Health Order will become effective at 12:01AM on Monday April 27, 2020 unless otherwise specifically provided for herein and will remain in effect until further notice.
3. **Legal Authority.** This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506 and 25-1-508, 25-1-509, Colorado Revised Statutes as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders and declarations. Under this authority, the Lake County Public Health Agency (LCPHA) Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of the epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine; to exercise physical control over the property and over the persons within the territorial limits of Lake County; and to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health; all as the LCPHA Director may find necessary for the protection of the public health. Immediate issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable and necessary under the existing circumstances and necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.
4. **General Information for all Persons.**
  - a. All individuals should limit time outside of their personal residence to essential activities and necessary travel only, and avoid physical contact with individuals other than those in their own household.

- b. All individuals should follow social distancing and COVID-19 prevention measures as much as practicable when outside their residence and/or interacting with individuals from outside their own household. Including:
  - 1. Maintaining a minimum 6 foot physical distance between individuals.
  - 2. Wearing cloth face covering or other protective mask.
  - 3. Practicing thorough and regular hand hygiene.
- c. Individuals who are 65 years or older or have underlying health conditions or other health vulnerability must stay at home to the greatest extent possible.
- d. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or other unknown illness must self-isolate and minimize all contact with other persons, to the greatest extent possible.
- e. Lake County residents are asked to remain in Lake County as much as possible, and limit out-of-county travel only for essential activities that cannot be accomplished within-county.
- f. Second homeowners should not travel to or visit their second homes in Lake County unless necessary for maintenance or other essential activities.
- g. Any individual whose primary residence is outside Lake County should not travel to, visit, or stay in Lake County for non-essential activities or for recreation or leisure.

**5. Limitations on Events and Gatherings.**

- a. All events and gatherings of ten (10) people or more, including employees and attendees, are PROHIBITED until further notice.
- b. Events and gatherings with fewer than ten (10) people, including employees and attendees, are prohibited unless organizers and participants take adequate steps for hygiene, cleaning, and social distancing.
- c. Organizers of events must ask attendees if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and, if they do, prohibit symptomatic attendees from attending the event. This screening for COVID-19 symptoms should occur daily for all event attendees.
- d. Individuals aged 65 or older and individuals with underlying medical conditions or other health vulnerabilities must be encouraged not to attend (including employees).
- e. Places of worship are permitted to be open, but they must limit gatherings to less than ten (10) people at one time and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet between all congregants. Remote, online services are strongly encouraged in lieu of in-person convenings. Individuals over 65 or with underlying health conditions are strongly discouraged from attending services in person.

**6. General Business Limitations.**

- a. Critical businesses (as defined within State of Colorado Public Health Order 20-24 and its amendments) may continue to operate under social distancing practices and other COVID-19 precautions. Employees of critical businesses are required to wear face

coverings when in frequent or sustained proximity of less than 6 feet from other individuals, and encouraged to wear them at all times when at work.

- b. Non-critical businesses' workplaces may, upon individual authorization by LCPHA, operate within approved limited "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" parameters beginning Monday, May 4, 2020. Non-critical businesses must limit on-site personnel to no more than 50% of normal staffing.
- c. In all categories of business, employers are still strongly encouraged to maintain telecommuting to the maximum possible extent.
- d. Any workplaces with multiple persons in a single facility must require employees to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distancing from one another and institute other protective measures, such as handwashing requirements and regular disinfection of high-touch surfaces.
- e. Employers are asked to proactively and regularly monitor staff for signs and symptoms of sickness, at minimum before the start of each shift or new work period. Employers must not permit sick staff to work, other than remote work performed from within their own household or other isolation site.
- f. Owners, management, and staff must comply with requirements of applicable "Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)" approved by LCPHA for their specific organization.
- g. All establishments and businesses that remain operational under the parameters of this Order shall abide by the social distancing and all other applicable requirements of this Order.
- h. LCPHA may, at its discretion, modify timeline and revise or revoke authorizations for individual businesses or categories of businesses, based on non-compliance with protocols, guidance from state or local authority, or other information.

**7. Limitations on the Sale of Food and Beverages, Including Liquor, Beer and Wine.**

- a. The sale of food and beverages in Lake County, including liquor, beer and wine, is limited to carry-out, curbside pick-up, and delivery only, subject to all other applicable licensing and regulatory requirements (e.g. delivery of alcohol and marijuana continues to be prohibited).
- b. The on-site consumption of food or beverages is prohibited.
- c. All take-out or curbside pick-up operations must comply with social distancing requirements, such that patrons and staff maintain a minimum of 6 foot separation from other people, whenever possible.
- d. It is recommended that all payment transactions occur electronically or verbally prior to any food or beverage pick-up so that no cash or credit/debit cards are physically exchanged.

**8. Limitations on Establishments Providing Retail Goods and Services.**

- a. In order to discourage public gatherings and overcrowding, establishments meeting the definition of grocery, pharmacy, pet food store, or hardware store may sell only those items included in those categories.
- b. Retail establishments may take orders from customers online or over the phone and provide products via mail, home delivery, or curbside pickup.
- c. Retail establishments may, upon individual authorization by LCPHA, operate within approved limited “Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)” parameters beginning Friday, May 1, 2020.

**9. Limitations on Businesses offering on-site Personal Services.**

- a. Businesses offering on-site Personal Services (eg, hair and nail salons, dog grooming, tattoo parlors, limited personal training) may, upon individual authorization by LCPHA, operate within approved limited “Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)” parameters beginning Friday, May 1, 2020. Licensed service providers must also comply with any requirements of their respective licensing authority.
- b. Providers of elective medical and dental procedures will be allowed, upon individual authorization by LCPHA, to operate within approved limited “Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)” parameters beginning Friday, May 1, 2020.
- c. Personal services may not be provided or delivered within individuals’ homes or locations not affiliated with the business license on file.

**10. Limitations on Short-Term Lodging.**

- a. For the purpose of this order, short term lodging includes but is not limited to hotels, motels, hostels, short term rentals of 30 days or less (e.g. Air BnB, VRBO), bed and breakfasts, condo, lodges and retreats.
- b. All short-term lodging operations are prohibited from operating for the period between the date of this order and May 31, 2020. Short term lodging operators must block out their online reservation calendars on all relevant platforms through May 31, 2020 in order to avoid inadvertently taking reservations for stays that would occur during the prohibited time period.
- c. All short term rentals must be vacated through May 31, 2020.
- d. Exception: If a short-term lodging unit is occupied by a local worker or contractor working locally, that worker or contractor may remain in the unit. New reservations are acceptable for local workers and contractors during this period.
- e. Exception: housing that may be used for quarantine and isolation purposes as well as workers coming into the community to assist with COVID-19 or other emergency response.

**11. Limitations on Access to and Use of Public Facilities and Recreation Sites.**

- a. Ski resorts, playgrounds, recreation centers, entertainment venues, movie theaters, theaters, gyms, fitness centers and studios, and community centers will remain closed through May 31, 2020.
- b. Other areas or facilities that are not explicitly named herein, but may hold similar risk for community-spread of COVID-19, will also remain closed until May 31, 2020.
- c. Local outdoor recreation and trails will remain open. Outdoor recreators must continue to follow social distancing protocols, including wearing face covering when feasible. Contact sports and other recreation activities where individuals may come in close physical proximity are restricted. Lake County residents should recreate locally within Lake County.

**12. Additional Considerations.**

- a. Real estate agents may conduct showings for buyers by appointment only, beginning on Monday, April 27. No open houses are permitted. Social distancing (maintain at least 6 feet of physical distancing and all parties wear face coverings) must be maintained throughout. No more than 10 people may participate in a showing at one time.
- b. Childcare centers and providers may operate to serve members of the local workforce, with strict precautions to limit the transmission of disease among children and from children to staff and family members. Owners, management, and staff must comply with requirements of applicable “Business Social Distancing Protocol(s)” approved by LCPHA for their specific childcare operation along with State guidelines.

**13. Most Restrictive Standard Controls.** To the extent any State and/or Federal orders or laws are more restrictive than what is set forth herein, such orders control.

**14. Penalties.** Failure to comply with this Order is subject to the penalties contained in Section 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 (18) months.

By:

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**Colleen Nielsen, RN, BSN**  
**Director, Lake County Public Health Agency**  
**April 23, 2020**