

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**

**March 15, 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 Events 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.

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





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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.

## **I. DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Order:

An "Event" is a gathering for business, social, or recreational activities, or a location that engages in or allows for such activities; that takes place indoors or outdoors, including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, or sporting events; parades, concerts; festivals; assemblies; places of worship; conventions; fundraisers; restaurants (regardless of capacity); community recreational centers; ice rinks; libraries; child care centers; and similar locations and activities.

"Event" does not include activities that are primarily individual or occur in small groups or in non-congregate settings, such as places of employment or primarily small-group sports.

"Event" also does not include places of employment for federal, state, local and special district employees, employees of public utilities or utility service providers (e.g., electric utility providers, internet service providers, water and sewer service providers), grocery stores (e.g., King Soopers, Safeway, or Sprouts), hardware stores, medical service providers (e.g., hospitals, doctor's offices, medical clinics, dental offices, physical therapists, pharmacies) or discount department stores (e.g., Wal-Mart, Dollar General).

"Senior Community Center" is a facility where adults over the age of 60 congregate to participate in programs and activities.

## **II. ORDER**

A. All Events of 250 people or more, including employees and attendees, are prohibited.

B. All Events at the following locations are prohibited, regardless of the number of attendees: senior community centers.

## **III. FURTHER GUIDANCE**

Further guidelines for social distance are available at [www.larimer.org/health](http://www.larimer.org/health)

## **IV. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PERSONS AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER**

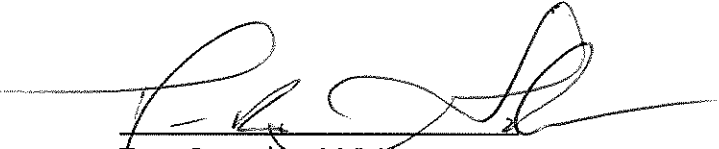


Larimer County is tasked with protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Larimer County, Colorado by investigating and controlling the causes of epidemic and communicable disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. Immediate issuance of this 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 is in effect until midnight Mountain time April 8, 2020, and is subject to continuing review by the Public Health Director.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO 30HE 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.**



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