INCIDENT INFORMATION:

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INCIDENT NAME: Larimer County COVID-19 Response

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CURRENT SITUATION:

DESCRIPTION: The Larimer County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated for 50 days and continues to respond to the effects of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Larimer EOC is focusing efforts on long-term EOC Operations, with the intent of creating a system that can easily ramp up and down as required over the next six months, while also allowing staff to manage day-to-day functions and to be operationally ready for other hazards (wildfire, flood, severe weather, etc.) Planning will continue into next week to determine the long-term strategy.

Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE) has provided guidance on the “Safer At Home” strategy which can be found on the larimer.org/coronavirus website by clicking on “Safer At Home Phase.” More details will be provided as we get more information from the Governor’s Office.

Alternate Care Site (ACS) at the Ranch: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues construction of an ACS at the Ranch Events Complex with an anticipated start date of mid-May. This will be a State of Colorado site serving northern Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming as required for medical surge.
Isolation and Quarantine Sites: Larimer EOC received our approval by FEMA for non-congregate sheltering. This will allow us to use hotels for persons such as healthcare workers, critical infrastructure personnel, people experiencing homelessness and persons who are unable to isolate themselves in their place of residence due to the fact that they have family members who may be elderly or immuno-compromised. Larimer EOC is also working with our volunteer partners to identify additional sites for quarantine and isolation.

Testing: Larimer County held its first community drive thru testing site at its Loveland building, 200 Peridot Ave, on Friday. Future community testing will occur each week on Tuesdays and Fridays, with an anticipated move to the Colorado State University Campus. People must be symptomatic to be tested and must pre-register. Testing also continues to be available for first responders, healthcare workers, critical infrastructure personnel, and Tier 2 patients needing testing (on a case-by-case basis). An online registration form has been posted on Larimer County’s website and is available to start taking patient registrations: www.larimer.org/testing. LCDHE has trained a number of staff to conduct specimen collections as well.

Hospital Status: All hospitals in Larimer County have taken measures to increase bed capacity, ICU capacity and ventilator capacity. At this point, the systems are running well without the need for medical surge. The lifting of the Stay-At-Home Order will likely cause Larimer to see a rise in overall COVID-19 patients, and a rise in hospitalizations. It is too soon to tell if that rise will cause any surge challenges in our community. The next few weeks will be crucial in determining how well social distancing and Stay-at-Home measures have worked to date.

LARIMER COUNTY RISK AND EXPOSURE:

Responders: Three emergency responders have requested assistance with quarantine due to exposure to patients with positive test results. All three have since been cleared.

Civilians: Larimer currently has 305 positive test results, 17 fatalities.

Safety Considerations: Basic hygiene – washing hands, social distancing, etc.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: Larimer Economic Development, in partnership with municipal and private economic development partners, is tracking economic losses countywide for Small Business Administration (SBA) and state declaration(s).
COVID-19 Colorado Case Summary

Data is updated daily by about 4 p.m. and includes cases reported through the previous day.

- 12,968 Cases
- 2,410 Hospitalized
- 57 Counties
- 59,791 People Tested
- 672 Deaths
- 141 Outbreaks

Cumulative Number of Cases of COVID-19 in Colorado by Date Reported to the State

Cumulative Number of Hospitalized Cases of COVID-19 in Colorado by Date Reported to the State

* Data reported daily around 4PM, subsequent days data may show differences as cases are reported after this time.
**Other Important Information:**

Summitstone Health, in partnership with the Health District of Northern Colorado, has set up a call line for behavioral health crisis intervention. That phone line is (970) 221-5551. There is also a 24/7 crisis hotline established at (970) 494-4200.

Larimer County P10 continues to provide messaging and communication as the event evolves. The key priority for this team continues to be providing education to the public regarding local restrictions. The symptoms self reporting system developed by the public information team can also be found online at [https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-home-care-and-testing-information](https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-home-care-and-testing-information)

The **public number for questions about this event is:** **(970) 498-5500.** The Joint Information Center (JIC) is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.
Information to assist in Planning, Economic Recovery, etc. can be found at https://business.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/dc74772707d94db9a7d24d30ffdcf36c. This link provides a lot of information for the purposes of impact planning.

Colorado Mask Project: On Friday, April 3rd, the Governor announced that Colorado residents should wear CLOTH masks whenever they leave their residence to do essential tasks. The Governor stressed that N95 and surgical masks should not be used by anyone other than medical personnel to save PPE supply. This campaign is being called the “Colorado Mask Project.” More information, including how to create cloth masks, can be accessed at www.coloradomaskproject.com. Larimer County EOC is working with municipalities on what this means and provides consistent messaging.

Current State of Colorado and Larimer County Public Health Orders

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 April 9, 2020 Gov. Polis signed an Executive Order extending the disaster emergency declaration for COVID-19 for an additional 30 days.

On March 25, 2020, Governor Polis issued a statewide Stay-at-Home order directing all Colorado residents to remain in their residence unless they must leave for an essential task. This Order went into effect on March 26, 2020, at 8:00 a.m and was originally in place until April 11, 2020. Effective Monday, April 6th, this date has been extended to April 26th, 2020.

On March 25, 2020, Larimer County issued a county-wide Stay-at-Home order directing all Larimer County residents, including all cities and towns within the County to remain in their residence unless they must leave for an essential task. This Order went into effect March 26, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. and will remain in place until April 17, 2020. Effective April 8th, this date has been extended to April 26th, 2020.

On April 20, 2020, Governor Polis gave a public announcement regarding the stay-at-home order which will end on April 26th and will then shift to safer-at-home guidance. He emphasized the epidemiological modeling that justifies maintaining a reduction in social interaction especially during the April 27-May 4 step down phase and continuing for potentially several months at a 60-65% reduction. Coloradans should still stay at home whenever they can, and that older Coloradans and other people with high-risk health situations will need to continue to be extremely cautious. A targeted County approach will be taken instead of a statewide approach to re-opening and rolling off the stay-at-home orders.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: None at this time.