

THIRD AMENDED PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

March 20, 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 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 Governor 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 Larimer County Public Health Director issued an order limiting mass gatherings to no more than 10 people.

On March 19, 2020 the Governor of Colorado, through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment ordered extending the closure of all bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums and casinos to April 30, 2020 and expanding the order to include horse track and off-track betting facilities, and nonessential personal services facilities, such as hair and nail salons, spas, or tattoo and massage parlors.





On March 20, 2020 the Governor of Colorado ordered the suspension of normal in-person instructions at all public and private elementary and secondary schools until April 17, 2020.

Given the rapid rise of the COVID-19 virus, and taking into consideration the limitations of the Larimer County work release facility and the staff, and given the difficulty to accomplish proper social distancing, and the isolation and medical care of symptomatic individuals in this facility, there is a need to balance public safety and the public health of our community.

Therefore, modifying the work release program will return low-risk offenders to their residences while allowing more serious offenders to remain in county facilities. These low-risk offenders will continue to be monitored in the community.

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.

CLOSURE OF LARIMER COUNTY WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

Effective at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2020, Larimer County Alternative Sentencing Work Release participants may be released upon entering a Temporary Release agreement containing conditions of supervision as determined by the Larimer County Director of Criminal Justice Services or her designee.

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.

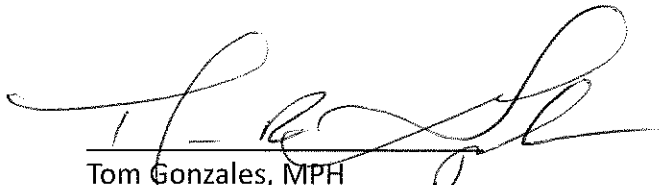


Any person aggrieved and affected by this Order has the right to request judicial review; an action with the Larimer County District Court within 90 days of the date of this Order, pursuant to section 25-1-515, Colorado Revised Statutes. However, you must continue to obey the terms of this Order while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

This Order takes effect at 9 p.m. on March 20, 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.



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