Larimer County Public Health Director Follows CDC Guidance, Orders Cancellation of Events over 50 People

Larimer County, CO --- Rather than waiting for additional positive test results, Larimer County Public Health Director Tom Gonzales has issued a public health order requiring the cancellation or postponement of events with more than 50 attendees.

Larimer County will also be enforcing the state’s public health order that was effective March 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. This closure is in effect for the next 30 days and closes brewpubs, breweries, microbreweries, distillery pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, public bars, taverns, restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, Cigar bars, gyms, gymnasiums, theaters, casinos, movie and performance theaters, opera houses, concert halls, and music halls, restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other similar places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption. These places are encouraged to offer food and beverage using a delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service.

View the Larimer County Public Health Order
View the State of Colorado Public Health Order

Larimer County is also urging the following:

- People at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (aged 60 or over, those with underlying health conditions, and pregnant people) not attend events, public areas, and business locations where 10 or more people will be gathered.
- Elective surgeries and non-emergent medical appointments should be postponed until further notice to conserve medical resources.
- Avoid all nonessential travel. Travel in and out of the community is highly discouraged.

However, the Larimer County Department of Health & Environment is not recommending closures of child care facilities or prohibiting the operations of them. The County has outlined specific guidelines to child care facilities, available at www.larimer.org/health.
“As we learn more about COVID-19, the public health response changes. We follow CDC guidance, which means that we are now ordering our community to not hold events that have over 50 people,” said Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director for Larimer County. “Social distancing is the most effective way to slow the spread. We are hoping to minimize the impact of COVID-19 in our community by getting ahead of this virus in Larimer County.”

Larimer County officials also want to stress that it is their intent to keep all essential services open, including gas stations, grocery stores, pharmacies, medical centers, and parks. However, increased restrictions may be required.

Larimer County has issued guidance regarding social distancing, cleaning, and disinfection for:

- retail and business facilities,
- houses of worship,
- public transportation, taxis and rideshares,
- grocery stores,
- private businesses.

More information regarding COVID-19 in Larimer County can be found at larimer.org/health. Additionally, residents are encouraged to follow LCDHE’s Facebook and Twitter accounts @LarimerHealth.