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Pandemic Health Emergency and Public Health Order Issued by Weld County

Weld County – By the order of Mark E. Wallace, MD, MPH, Executive Director of the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment, and the County Health Officer, a Pandemic Health Emergency and Public Health Order is issued. “The main reason for this declaration is we need to reduce the impact and spread of the COVID-19 virus in Weld County,” said Dr. Wallace. The declaration will also help protect high-risk populations like older adults, pregnant women, and people who are immunocompromised or with chronic health conditions. “This declaration will also help protect our Weld County work force and their families,” said Wallace.

The Public Health Order requires social distancing be enacted. **Social distancing means people stay at least 6 feet away from each other, and all events of 10 people or more are cancelled. All events at the following locations are prohibited, regardless of the number of attendees: day-care centers, child-care centers, private schools (including pre-schools), private day schools, community recreation centers, ice rinks, and libraries. “Event” does not include places of employment. Restaurants may need to switch to limited seating or switch to drive-thru or take-out orders. This order is effective until April 8, 2020.**

Other preventive actions for preventing influenza, the common cold, and COVID-19 include:

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects with regular household cleaning products.
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom and before eating; a hand sanitizer can help if hand washing is not available.
- Cover your cough with your elbow or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick. If you work or go into the community sick, others may get sick.
- Limit close contact with people and keep a distance of at least 6 feet.

The current treatment for most people who get COVID-19 is rest, recovery, and self-isolation at home. About 80% of people who become ill will recover on their own. The seriously ill may require hospitalization or other care.

For more information

For general questions about COVID-19 in Colorado, call the state CO HELP line at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 or email at COHELP@RMPDC.org. For updated COVID-19 information, including the full declaration and Public Health Order visit: www.weldhealth.org.

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