



LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Board of County Commissioners

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LEADVILLE/LAKE COUNTY

(LEADVILLE, COLO, MARCH 15, 2020) – COVID-19 UPDATE

Lake County Government has worked closely to monitor the situation through our regional channels and preliminary response plan to assess our situation. During this time of heightened concern about Coronavirus, COVID-19, we want to make you aware of the following additional health and safety steps we are taking regarding our operations.

Following collaboration through efforts of our Director of Emergency Management, Director of Public Health and Board of County Commissioners it has been determined that:

There will be no public access to the Lake County Courthouse Offices, Lake County Aquatics Center (including public shower use), GOL! Gear Library, and Lake County Library. Recreation, GOL!, and Library programs will be suspended. This is effective Monday, March 16th through Sunday, March 22nd. We will reevaluate this decision on Friday, March 20th. The County is operational. All offices will maintain services to the public and information on how to access these services (by phone, email, and online) will be posted.

Access to the Lake County District Court will be limited as directed by orders of the Colorado Supreme Court and the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District.

Depending on the length of these closures, programs will either be cancelled or rescheduled. As we have more information program coordinators will be contacting those registered.

In addition, Department of Human Services will be working in accordance with their Continuity of Operations Plan, which means all employees will be working remotely during this time. Business will be conducted through electronic means; however, documents can still be left in the drop box at their location (112 W 5th St). By phoning (719) 486-2086 you can be connected to Public Assistance staff, and (719) 293-0085 will connect you to Child Welfare and Adult Protection Staff. Please use the hotline (844-COKIDS) to report child neglect or abuse.

Lake County Public Health Agency will remain open with limited access M-F 8-6. We will be practicing prevention measures to include social distancing. Please call ahead for appointments, 719-486-2413.

Lake County Public Works will remain operational including the landfill. Please call 719-486-0259 with any questions.

The BOCC will continue to hold our regular meeting tomorrow, Monday March 16 at 1:00 pm up in the court room.

We will allow access to public to attend this meeting, and lock off further access into the office area of the courthouse, but will also post restrictions on entering the public meeting space, as outlined below:



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- Individuals who have been in any country for which the CDC has issued a Level 3 travel health notice within the last 14 days (see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>);
- Individuals who reside, or have been in close contact, with someone who has been in any of the aforementioned countries in the last 14 days;
- Individuals who have been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital, health agency, or medical professional;
- Individuals who have been diagnosed with Coronavirus/COVID-19;
- Individuals who have had direct contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with Coronavirus/COVID-19.
- Individuals with apparent symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath.

We are asking the public to conduct any and all business they can through online channels. For additional resources, please visit www.lakecountycolorado.com to phone the department you need to do business with prior to coming in to continue to mitigate the risk and possibility of spread of the infection. While facilities are closed to the public, County staff will be available by phone and email to assist with any questions. Please see below for a list of contacts for elected officials:

BOCC:

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Sheriff Office: (719) 486-1249; areyes@lakecountysocolorado.org or jfreidenberger@lakecountysocolorado.org

Clerk & Recorder: (719) 486-1410; pberger@co.lake.co.us

Assessor: (719) 486-4111; mmartinez@co.lake.co.us

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