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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

(LEADVILLE, COLO, MARCH 20, 2020) – Public Health Order:

Lake County Public Health has issued a new order that goes into effect at 5:00 PM today. Please review the whole order to ensure full understanding of the rules. Below is a condensed version.

All public gatherings are limited to 10 or less people, including employees & attendees so long as proper hygiene, social distancing, and environmental cleaning guidelines are followed. Employees must be screened for coronavirus symptoms daily, see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html>. The organizer/supervisor MUST ask attendees if they have COVID-19 symptoms at each gathering. Older adults with underlying medical conditions must be encouraged to not attend.

Food and beverages are available from restaurants, liquor stores, grocery stores, and marijuana shops on a take-out basis only. There is no on-site consumption of food or beverages by patrons at any time. If lines exist at any establishments, social distancing of 6 feet is mandatory. Payment should be done electronically or verbally, and no cash or credit/debit cards are physically exchanged.

Grocery, pharmacy, pet food store or hardware stores may only sell pharmaceuticals, groceries & essential cleaning products, pet food and pet supplies, or hardware. Businesses selling retail goods may continue to do so via online or over the phone sales that can be delivered by mail or delivery or delivered to the customer's vehicle outside the retail location. Gas stations remain open.

Short-term lodging cannot take any reservations between March 20 thru April 30. All such units will be vacated by 12 noon Sunday, March 22. Exceptions – a local worker may remain if living in such a unit, short term lodging/housing may be called upon for use in quarantine and isolation for workers coming to the community to assist with COVID-19 or other emergency response.

Please know the situation is evolving rapidly and there may be new orders being issued by the Governor later today.

PLEASE READ THE FULL ORDER for clarity on the directives.

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