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(LEADVILLE, COLO, JUN 22, 2020) – Amended Lake County Public Health Order

Lake County Public Health Agency (LCPHA) announces an amended local Public Health Order (PHO), effective Monday, June 22, 2020. This amendment will allow for limited re-opening of Bars, Taverns, and Brew-Pubs and expanded operations of indoor and outdoor events and venues in Lake County. The amendment also establishes mandatory use of face coverings while people are in facilities and/or businesses open to the public. Under the [Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials framework](#) adopted by LCPHA on May 9th, these changes move Lake County into the “Blue Square” phase of re-opening.

“LCPHA continues to seek balance between protecting the physical health of our residents and supporting the economic health of our businesses,” said Colleen Nielsen, Lake County Public Health Agency Director. “As we continue to responsibly re-open our community and return to daily routines, it is more important than ever we each take personal actions to limit the transmission of COVID-19. This includes respecting social distancing and wearing face coverings, which are some of the simplest ways we can limit the spread of COVID-19 infection while still allowing the local economy to function.”

The parameters expanded in the local Lake County Public Health Order amendment include:

- Bars, Taverns, and Brew-Pubs may operate with on-site service, upto a maximum of 50% occupancy or 50 patrons, whichever is less. Restaurants may now operate with on-site indoor service upto a maximum of 100 patrons.
- Indoor events and venues are allowed to operate at no more than 50% occupancy or up to a maximum of 100 people, whichever is less.
- Outdoor events and venues are allowed to operate at no more than 50% occupancy or up to a maximum of 175 people, whichever is less.
- Places of Worship may convene services at no more than 50% occupancy or up to a maximum of 100 people, whichever is less. Life Rites may also have up to a maximum of 100 people indoors.

The mandatory face covering requirement establishes that individuals must wear a nose and mouth covering when entering and while inside all business, facilities, venues, and events in Lake County, beginning Wednesday June 24 to help limit spread of COVID-19 through community transmission.

“Global disease surveillance data and medical case data indicate face coverings are effective in helping reduce infection risk of COVID-19,” said Dr. Lisa Zwerdinger, LCPHA Medical Director. “The relatively small personal inconvenience of wearing a face covering in public helps protect our broader community against a spike in infections that may require businesses to limit operations again. We don’t want to go backwards, but we also need to keep our community and its residents safe.”

The full amended Lake County Public Health Order can be found at bit.ly/LCPHAOrder06222020.

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