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Livingston County COVID-19 Executive Order Guidance

**PER EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER, CHILICOTHE
MAYOR THERESA KELLEY AND PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ED DOUGLAS**

This is a continually evolving situation. Expect updates to this order as the COVID-19 Pandemic takes its course.

AS OF FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020 THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

- **PROHIBIT GROUP GATHERINGS OF 10 OR MORE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

“Group Gatherings” means any gathering of ten or more people at any restaurant, tavern, professional, social, cultural, entertainment or other special event/community gathering where people are not separated by physical space of at least six feet.

"The temporary prohibition of "Group Gatherings" does not apply to the day-to-day operation of organizations such as: healthcare and long-term care facilities, grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, or businesses or industries with limited to no in- person contact with the public."

- **CLOSE RESTAURANTS, BARS AND TAVERNS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. EXCEPTIONS ARE DELIVERY, PICKUP, AND DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICES.**

- **CLOSE SCHOOLS OPERATIONS WITH THE SUPPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS FROM ALL COUNTY SCHOOLS UNTIL APRIL 3RD, WHEN THE SITUATION WILL BE REASSESSED WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE HEALTH CENTER.**

“School Operations” means any institution of elementary and secondary education including, but not limited to public, chartered, private or parochial institutions.”

- **NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES, VENDORS AND CUSTOMERS MAY BE INSIDE A CONVENIENCE STORE AT ANY ONE TIME.**

- **FACILITIES OPERATED FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES SHALL NOT ALLOW THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR MEMBERS OF THE FACILITIES TO ENTER SAID FACILITIES.**

SUCH FACILITIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THEATERS, PRIVATE CLUBS, FITNESS CENTERS AND BOWLING ALLEYS.

- **HOTELS THAT SERVE BREAKFAST ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE PRE-PACKAGED FOODS. PATRONS MUST TAKE FOOD BACK TO THEIR ROOM.**

- **CHILD CARE FACILITIES SHOULD FOLLOW MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES GUIDANCE.**

Purpose of These Actions:

These actions are the most available and effective tools to help slow the spread of the virus in our community – and, importantly, to reduce the number of potential deaths caused by COVID-19.

By slowing the spread, we have a chance to protect those family, friends and neighbors who are at risk for severe illness such as adults over age 60, and anyone with an underlying health condition.

These actions will limit the cascading impacts on critical services due to high absenteeism if large numbers of workers become ill. The actions help hospitals and other healthcare services continue to provide care and maintain the operations of utilities, human services and businesses in the coming weeks and months.

If you hold a gathering of fewer than 10 people, please continue to follow these guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, such as hand hygiene and social distancing.

GUIDELINES TO MINIMIZE RISK FOR GATHERINGS WITH FEWER THAN 10 PEOPLE:

- **Precautions for older adults and those with underlying health conditions:**

Health Center Recommendations:

Older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions that are at increased risk of serious COVID-19 complication are encouraged not to attend gatherings, this includes employees.

Suggestion to community:

Take specific steps to encourage older adults age 60 and above and those with underlying health conditions not to attend. Note that CDC recommends that individuals at risk of exposures, including travel, church attendance, and social gatherings with 10 or more people.

- **Social distancing to prevent prolonged close contact:**

Health Center Recommendations:

Social distancing recommendations must be met (i.e., limit contact of people within 6 feet from each other for 10 minutes or longer).

Suggestion to community:

The Centers for Disease Control advise that “being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 10 minutes” constitutes close contact which could result in exposure.

- **Enable strict adherence to hygiene and sanitation protocols:**

Health Center Recommendations:

Proper hand hygiene and sanitation must be readily available to all employees.

Suggestion to community:

Provide ready access to hand sanitizer and actively request participants to abide by personal hygiene recommendations. **CDC recommends that people wash their hands often**, and if soap and water is not readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, and to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

- **Clean and disinfect.**

Health Center Recommendations:

Environmental cleaning guidelines from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are followed (e.g., clean and disinfect high touch surfaces daily or more frequently)

Suggestion to community:

Ensure a clean and sanitary environment. Have employees disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails. **CDC provides detailed environmental and disinfection recommendations.**

Thank you for your cooperation with this Executive Order.