



## Amending Standing Lake County Public Health Orders

December 16, 2020 at 8:00 AM MST

### AMENDING Public Health COVID-19 DIAL Order (version November-11-2020, as amended November 20, 2020)

1. **Purpose, Effective Area.** The November 11, 2020 Lake County Public Health Order, as amended, governs the local response to COVID-19, including limitations and allowances for business operations. This and related preceding Public Health Orders are in place to limit the health impacts of COVID-19 and mitigate the spread of the disease within Lake County, Colorado. The Order is effective within the entirety of Lake County, including the City of Leadville.

The purpose of this Amendment is to adopt additional restrictions to mitigate COVID-19 spread in Lake County. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) determined on November 17, 2020 that Lake County's COVID-19 incidence rates had exceeded allowable thresholds for the Yellow Level Dial in CDPHE Public Health Order 20-36. As a result, CDPHE placed Lake County into the Orange Level, effective November 20. LCPHA adopted an amended Public Health Order on November 20 to incorporate the additional restrictions required at Orange Level. Since that time, Lake County has continued to experience increased incidence and positivity rates of COVID-19, putting its data into the Red Level category for both of these metrics as evaluated by CDPHE. Though CDPHE has not yet required Lake County to move into the Red Level category, they have requested Lake County adopt additional measures to reduce COVID-19 spread and infection in Lake County.

This Order incorporates additional COVID-19 mitigation tactics, in keeping with Lake County's mitigation plan, and aligns Lake County's local requirements, restrictions, and guidance with the State of Colorado Public Health Order issued by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on November 2, 2020 ("COVID-19 Dial 20-36," as amended November 17, November 20, and December 7, 2020). All measures herein are being implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19 virus and infection in Lake County, Colorado.

**This Order adopts and incorporates by reference the requirements, restrictions and guidance, including individual requirements and business and workplace activities, as set forth in the CDPHE Public Health Order 20-36 ("COVID-19 DIAL", issued November 2, 2020), as amended November 17, 2020, November 20, 2020, and December 7, 2020, except as explicitly otherwise stated herein.**

**Individuals and businesses should refer to the CDPHE Public Health Order 20-36, as amended, for full requirements, restrictions, and guidance, noting where Lake County Public Health Agency has amended or added changes to individual sections, as indicated below.**



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2. **Effective Date and Time, Limitations.** On November 11, 2020, LCPHA adopted a new local Public Health Order (effective November 11, 2020, 06:00AM) to supersede and replace the September 23, 2020 Safer-At-Home Lake County Public Health Order, as amended. This Order was amended November 20, 2020 (effective November 20, 2020, 08:00AM). This current Amendment is effective December 16, 2020, 8:00AM unless otherwise specifically provided for herein and will remain in effect until further notice.

3. **Affirmation of County-wide COVID Commitments to Containment.** In addition to the individual COVID-19 infection precautions, mandatory parameters, and mitigation strategies named, Lake County is affirming adoption of the Commitments to Containment for its community members, visitors, and local business operations. LCPHA strongly encourages and recommends all persons living and working within, visiting, or otherwise associated with Lake County in any way to assume additional personal responsibility and adopt the following Commitments to Containment to keep transmission of COVID infection and illness low.

Lake County's requested personal Commitments to Containment include:

- 1) I will maintain 6 feet of physical distance from other individuals. I will keep this distance from any person who is not from my household.
- 2) I will practice good hand hygiene and wash my hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds at regular intervals.
- 3) I will cover my face in public and wear a face covering over my nose and mouth whenever I may not be able to maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others who are not members of my household.
- 4) I will stay home when I am sick and self-quarantine if there is concern I may have been exposed to an individual(s) who have tested positive for COVID-19.
- 5) I will get tested immediately if I have COVID-19 symptoms and will fulfill public health's direction on isolation to prevent additional infection spread.

4. **Exceptions to CDPHE Public Health Order 20-36 - COVID-19 DIAL, as amended, with language to be substituted in its place, for December-16-2020 Lake County Public Health Order:**

**a. COVID Dial - Individual Requirements**

1. All sections in which CDPHE Public Health Order 20-36 - COVID-19 Dial, as amended, and associated Executive Order(s) (Orders D 2020 039, D 2020 067, D 2020 092, D 2020 110, D 2020 138, D 2020 164, D 2020 190, D 2020 219, D 2020 237, D 2020 245, and D 2020 276 Ordering Individuals in Colorado to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings, as amended and extended) allow exceptions for face covering for individuals *10 years* of age or younger are herein amended to allow exceptions for individuals *3 years* of age or younger.



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2. Section I., COVID-19 Dial - Individual Requirements, is expanded to add paragraph G., to read,

**“Public and Private Gathering and On-Site Business Operations Discouraged between 10:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M.**

a. Between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. all public and private gatherings as defined by the CDPHE Order 20-36, as amended, are strongly discouraged except for the limited purposes expressly permitted

in this Order or in Section III of the CDPHE Order 20-36, as amended. During the aforementioned times, all individuals within Lake County are requested to Stay at Home as defined in CDPHE Order 20-36, as amended, section IV.V, whenever possible. Businesses are asked to enforce this by closing operations that are conducive to on-site congregation to the general public no later than 10:00 P.M. and requesting all patrons or customers leave the premises no later than 10:00 P.M.”

**b. Level Yellow: Concern.**

1. Section D, Operating Capacities, paragraph 2.a, is amended to read, “Public and private gatherings are limited to no more than **6 individuals** from no more than 2 households when not otherwise regulated as a specific sector or activity in Section III of this Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members living in the same residence. Individuals at risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19 are advised to remain at home as much as possible.”
2. Section D, Operating Capacities, paragraph 2.r, is amended to read, “Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions may continue to operate without capacity limitations, but must follow the requirements in Section III.B and C of this Order. **In all cases, businesses and government entities are encouraged to adopt and practice remote working and staggered shifts and/or similar strategies in order to reduce the number of individuals working together in-person.**”

**c. Level Orange: High Risk.**

1. Section E, Operating Capacities, paragraph 2.a, is amended to read, “Public and private gatherings are limited to no more than **6 individuals** from no more than 2 households when not otherwise regulated as a specific sector or activity in Section III of this Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of



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members living in the same residence. Individuals at risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19 are strongly advised to remain at home as much as possible."

2. Section E, Indoor Events, paragraph 2.k, is amended to read, "Indoor Events are closed; except that educational institutions like museums and aquariums may operate at 25% of the posted occupancy limit not to exceed 25 people using the Distancing Space Calculator per room."
3. Section E, Operating Capacities, paragraph 2.r, is amended to read, "Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions may continue to operate without capacity limitations, but must follow the requirements in Section III.B and C of this Order. **In all cases, businesses and government entities are encouraged to adopt and practice remote working and staggered shifts and/or similar strategies in order to reduce the number of individuals working together in-person.**"

#### d. APPENDIX H: RESTAURANTS

1. Appendix H, Restaurants, paragraph A.a.c., is amended to read, "Limit party size to **6 people** or less, and in Level Red tables are restricted to household members only."

#### e. APPENDIX J: RECREATION

1. Appendix J, Recreation, paragraph E., is amended to read, "Competitive Events. Competitive events such as races and endurance events are permitted as long as 6 foot distancing and limitations on group size can be maintained. This includes implementing, including implementation of staggered start times and making efforts to prevent gatherings at starts and finishings, so that no more than **6 people** are gathered at a time."

Additionally, each entity must comply with the General Business Limitations, as set forth by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Lake County Public Health Agency incorporated herein, and are subject to review and individual authorization by LCPHA to operate within approved COVID-19 parameters and guidances applicable to their organization.

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