

Livingston County COVID-19 Executive Order

SECTOR GUIDANCE

The following section provides answers to frequently asked questions from many business and community sectors. We hope this provides insight to questions you may have. Questions and concerns continue to arise, we are working to keep this resource updated.

GUIDANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS

*We are amid a public health emergency due to the coronavirus pandemic. In order to **preserve local healthcare resources and protect our community residents**, serious measures such as this Executive Order are necessary. While we cannot police every entity mentioned in this document for compliance with the 10 and under group gathering rule, we do expect residents to do their part to follow the order. As an individual, if you see groups gathering at businesses or in private, **DO NOT BE A PART OF THE ACTIVITY**. Practice social distancing with your family, and if a family member or close contact tests positive for the virus, keep your family at home to contain the disease. Seek medical care when necessary by calling your primary care provider or Emergency Room for directions on obtaining treatment. Your cooperation is desperately needed and much appreciated by your county leaders. Thank you for doing your part to prevent the spread of this disease!*

GUIDANCE FOR RESTAURANTS, BARS, TAVERNS AND MOVIE THEATERS

• CLOSE RESTAURANTS, BARS, TAVERNS, CLUBS AND MOVIE THEATERS EFFECTIVE 3/21 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Exceptions are delivery, pickup, and drive-through services.

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- Ensure all employees are following strict sanitation guidelines including, handwashing, surface sanitation and regularly sanitizing all frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs and registers.
- All employees should be screened using CDC guidelines identify the key symptoms to watch for such as fever, cough and shortness of breath. Employers should immediately require anyone who has the symptoms to leave.

Q. Are restaurants open for business?

A. Call the Livingston County Health Center at (660) 646-5506.

GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND EMPLOYERS

• PROHIBIT GROUP EVENTS OF 10 OR MORE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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Q. What is a Private Business Operation?

A. A private business operation is defined as a place of work that does not have contact with the general public or open office hours.

Q. Is there assistance available to my business?

A. Please see the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Employers should take steps to make it more feasible for their employees to work in ways that minimize close contact with large numbers of people. Employers should:

- Maximize telecommuting options for as many employees as possible.
- Urge employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- Consider staggering start and end times to reduce large together at the same time. numbers of people coming together at the same time.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched areas (doorknobs, tabletops, countertops, phones, keyboards, etc.)
- Prioritize protective actions employees who are at higher risk for severe illness.
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GUIDANCE FOR RETAIL

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This includes any public facing business such as hair salons, shops, tattoo parlors, gyms, nail salons, spas, specialty stores and gift shops. This decision was not made lightly and we understand the strain this is putting on your business, but we are in the midst of a public health emergency. We have taken these steps in order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities and now is the time to be vigilant.

To prevent the spread of disease:

- Ensure all patrons and staff are following social distancing of at least 6ft.
- Ensure all employees are following strict sanitation guidelines including, handwashing, surface sanitation and regularly sanitizing all frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs and registers.
- All materials cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- All employees should be screened using CDC guidelines identify the key symptoms to watch for such as fever, cough and shortness of breath. Employers should immediately require anyone who has the symptoms to leave.

Q. Can my gym open?

A. Yes, gyms may be open, but must adhere to the County Order of no gatherings of 10 or more. This includes any and all staff.

Q. How can I provide for my clients?

A. Consider streaming options; use video streaming to deliver classes.

Q. Can general stores, convenience stores and gas stations serve food?

A. Yes, however they MAY NOT have any self-service food including foods on hot rollers, soda fountains, coffee bars until the rule is lifted. Self-service areas are more susceptible to spreading germs and disease because many people touch tongs, dispensers, etc.

Q. Can my store or small business stay open?

A. Yes, but stores and small businesses must adhere to the County Order of no gatherings of 10 or more. This includes any and all staff.

Q. Can customers come into my store?

A. Yes, if adhering to gatherings fewer than 10 is not possible, consider using social media and online systems to sell goods. Promote gift card purchasing opportunities.

Q. Can my salon or spa open?

A. Yes, but all salons must adhere to the County Order of no gatherings of 10 or more.

This includes any and all staff. The Health Department strongly recommends social distancing of at least 6 feet, and would recommend that touch is limited. Wear gloves to avoid any skin to skin contact. COVID-19 is spread through air droplets, so limit close interactions. As these restrictions make most services at a

- Limit any necessary in-person training to gatherings of fewer than 10.
- The Health Center strongly encourages school districts to lessen any regulations regarding PTO or sick leave during this timeframe.
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Q. Does this include public schools?

A. Yes, all Schools located in Livingston County are to remain closed to students through April 3. The districts will work with the Livingston County Health Center to determine if the closures need to be extended.

Q. Does this include parochial schools?

A. Yes, all schools within Livingston County are to remain closed to students through April 3.

Q. Will students receive meals and lunch?

A. Contact your individual school district to find out more about meals. If any meals are served, they will be subject to Livingston County Environmental Health Department guidelines. Visit the district website at www.chillicotheschools.org for additional information.

Q. Will schools be closed longer?

A. Currently, schools are closed through April 3rd. This may change. Please check with your child's school.

Q. Can my school allow students and families to pick up meals and supplies?

A. This is a case by case decision made by individual school districts. If your district chooses to open school doors to provide food, school supplies or personal belongs avoid ANY mass gatherings of 10 or more. Take care to limit the amount of families (encourage families to send only one representative per family) in the school at any time, consider having families drive up and place food and items directly into the back seats of cars, create lines that require people to stand at least 6 feet apart, ask any person showing any signs of illness to leave immediately.

Wear gloves, wash hands and hand sanitize often. The district has pick-up and delivery services for meals. Any child ages 18 and younger who lives in the Chillicothe R-II School District are eligible for free lunch and breakfast program.

Q. Does this include early Childcare Centers?

A. See Childcare Centers information below.

Q. Will my child's school provide childcare?

A. We understand that this is a very difficult logistic issue for many families. Currently, individual schools may be providing childcare for families. If you can work from home, please make plans to keep children at home. There are many parents that serve as first responders, healthcare workers, and sales associates who are serving the public. Please be cognizant of this when determining if childcare is essential for your family.

Q. When schools resume, what actions should my school take if a sick student or staff member attended school before being confirmed as a COVID-19 case?

Call the Livingston County Health Center.

- You are observing that high rates of absenteeism among staff and/or children hinders your ability to meet and provide adequate services.

Q. What steps should be taken during a closure?

A. Conduct routine environmental cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

- If possible, assess what close contacts the case had while ill. Notify close contacts and ask that those with symptoms contact their healthcare provider and self-isolate for 7 days OR until 72 hours from the time that fever has resolved (and symptoms get better) – whichever is longer. Those who do not have symptoms should self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.
- Discourage children from gathering or socializing in large groups elsewhere such as at places like a friend's house. This reduces the potential for transmission.
- Work on communication to families and staff to ensure that when childcare re-opens, ill people know to remain home until well and that those with COVID-19-like symptoms self-isolate for 7 days OR until 72 hours from the time that fever has resolved (and symptoms get better) -- whichever is longer.

Q. What actions should my center take if a sick child or staff member attended school before being confirmed as a COVID-19 case?

A. Contact the Health Center. Local health officials may recommend temporary center closures.

- Centers should work with the local health department and other relevant leadership to communicate the possible COVID-19 exposure to the center community. This communication to the center community should align with the communication plan in the center's emergency operations plan. In such a circumstance, it is critical to maintain confidentiality of the child or staff member as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.
- If a child or staff member has been identified with COVID-19, center and program administrators should seek guidance from local health officials to determine when children and staff should return to the center and what additional steps are needed. In addition, children and staff who are well but are taking care of or share a home with someone with a case of COVID-19 should follow instructions from local health officials to determine when to return to childcare.

GUIDANCE FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

• SHOULD NOT HOST GROUP GATHERINGS OF 10 OR MORE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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GUIDANCE FOR DENTAL OFFICES

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION CALLS UPON DENTISTS TO POSTPONE ALL ELECTIVE PROCEDURES.

GUIDANCE FOR FUNERALS

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Q. Can funerals proceed at places of worship or funeral homes?

A. Funerals may proceed if there are fewer than 10 persons in attendance, including funeral and service staff.

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Q. Can a wedding still proceed?

A. Weddings may proceed if there are fewer than 10 persons in attendance, including wedding party, guests and service staff.

Q. My wedding is in fewer than 8 weeks, what do I do?

A. Speak with your venue, vendors and guests. Consider making plans to stream your wedding ceremony to loved ones and friends should you not be able to gather as a group.