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Clear Creek to Close County Roads to Non-Residents

Georgetown, CO, April 9, 2020 — To protect the Clear Creek community and our First Responders, the Clear Creek County Board of Health today issued a Public Health Order temporarily restricting access to Clear Creek County roads for non-county residents. This order will take effect on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 12:01am. In alignment with the Governor’s Stay-at-Home Order and in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Clear Creek County, this order limits access to county roads by non-county residents for purposes other than essential travel. County residents can still travel on county roads for necessary activities.

Clear Creek County Sheriff and County COVID-19 Incident Management Team Commander Rick Albers explains, “If our First Responders need to assist or rescue anyone – resident or non-resident – who ends up showing COVID-19 symptoms, 10 or more of our responders are out of service for at least two weeks to isolate. This would be devastating for the crew and our medical response capabilities.”

The COVID-19 pandemic is a unique emergency situation that is impacting everyone, everywhere at the same time, thereby putting extreme pressure on all First Responders and medical professionals. Protecting the health and safety of those on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic by limiting possible exposure better protects the community. Minimizing the localized spread of the COVID-19 virus is especially important since Clear Creek County has a high percentage of at-risk residents and limited access to medical facilities.

To be safe, it is best to assume that anyone, including yourself, could be a carrier of the virus and is contagious — whether or not symptoms are apparent. Take proper precautions and follow State and County guidance and orders — wash your hands frequently and vigorously with soap and warm water for 20 seconds; only leave your home to do necessary tasks; when you do go out for essentials, stay local, practice social distancing (stay 6 feet apart at a minimum), do not gather or congregate, and wear a protective mask that completely covers your nose, mouth and chin.

During this public health crisis, please respect the health and limited resources of our small mountain community, and stay in your county for outdoor recreation. Says Cassandra Patton, Director of Clear Creek County Tourism Bureau, “We look forward to welcoming you back when the time is right. For now, please stay home and stay safe.”

You can review the full Public Health Order at: [Public Health Order R20-02](#).

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