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**LEAVENWORTH COUNTY AUTHORITIES RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ABOUT PUBLIC TRAVEL**

With new guidelines for public travel now in effect, Leavenworth County public health officials emphasize essential tasks can still be completed by residents despite updated restrictions. New public guidelines restricting non-essential travel went into effect at 12:01 a.m. today, Tues., March 24, 2020.

“Grocery shopping, trips to the pharmacy and picking up lunch at curbside are still perfectly acceptable,” said Leavenworth County Public Health Director Jamie Miller. “The new restrictions focus more on non-essential tasks that are not required to maintain health and safety.” Leavenworth County citizens will not be arrested nor cited.

Leavenworth County has issued specifics on what citizens can and cannot do in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. A running list of updates can be found at the following website: https://www.leavenworthcounty.gov/covid/default.asp

“Social distancing of at least six feet between folks, washing your hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds and limiting your travel for only essential tasks are three of the top things people can do to help us win this battle,” said Miller.

For more information, email jic@leavenworthcounty.gov. For specific questions about health and safety issues, call 913-250-2000 and choose option 3.

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