

# LEAVENWORTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## **LEAVENWORTH COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT STRESSES COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN COMBATING COVID-19**

The Leavenworth County Health Department has provided guidance to local law enforcement on how best to help County residents stay safe while following social distance rules related to the COVID-19 national health emergency.

According to Leavenworth County Undersheriff Jim Sherley, deputies and officers will advise residents not practicing the six-foot social distancing rules that they need to do so. “We need to begin enforcing this rule across the board, as it is critical to slow the spread of coronavirus,” said Sherley. “It is not our desire to cite citizens in this matter, but non-compliance is no longer acceptable.”

Leavenworth County law enforcement is also reminding citizens that the stay-at-home order taking effect on Tues., March 24, 2020, needs to be taken seriously. “Those citizens who work in essential jobs, as described by Leavenworth County Health Department guidelines, need to be able to get to those jobs. We now expect compliance from those in non-essential jobs and positions to stay home, as directed,” said Sherley.

A list of essential and non-essential jobs are available at:

<https://www.leavenworthcounty.gov/covid/publications/order03212020.pdf>. Here is additional clarification on essential and non-essential jobs and activities:

### **Clarification on Essential Activities and Essential Jobs**

#### **Those who are considered Essential:**

- Lawn care and Landscaping
- Construction – are not to congregate
- Alcoholic Anonymous groups and similar support groups are regarded as mental health services
- Cell Phone store with a limit of ten (10) people in the building at one time
- Vet Clinics can be open with social distancing in effect
- Chiropractor Offices are considered medical

#### **Those who are considered Non-Essential:**

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- Pet Grooming – if a private business
- Vape and CBD stores
- Gym
- Tattoo Shops
- Hair Salons
- Barbershops

**Restaurants must be switching from dine-in to carryout service to drive-thru and curbside only.**

It is important to note that COVID-19 health emergency details continue to evolve daily. “Our deputies and officers want to work with everyone to successfully battle this pandemic,” said Sherley. “We know this is a stressful time, and we are all working together. But as the number of local infections continues to rise, law enforcement needs to make sure people are following the rules so we can stop the spread sooner instead of later.”

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