This is a continually evolving situation. As of 3/20/20 the following applies:

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Why?
These actions are the most available and effective tools to help slow the spread of the virus in our community – and, importantly, to reduce the number of potential deaths caused by COVID-19.

By slowing the spread, we have a chance to protect those family, friends and neighbors who are at risk for severe illness such as adults over age 60, and anyone with an underlying health condition.

These actions will limit the cascading impacts on critical services due to high absenteeism if large numbers of workers become ill. The actions help hospitals and other healthcare services continue to provide care and maintain the operations of utilities, human services and businesses in the coming weeks and months.

If you hold a gathering of fewer than 10 people, please continue to follow the guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, such as hand hygiene and social distancing.

Guidelines to minimize risk for events with fewer than 10 people:
• Precautions for older adults and those with underlying health conditions:
  **Health Department Recommendations:**
  Older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions that are at increased risk of serious COVID-19 are encouraged not to attend (including employees);
  **Suggestion to community:**
  Take specific steps to encourage older adults age 60 and above and those with underlying health conditions not to attend event. Note that [CDC recommends that individuals at risk of severe illness should stay at home](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/care-for-yourself.html), avoiding gatherings or other situations of potential exposures, including travel, church attendance, and social events with 10 or more people.

• Social distancing to prevent prolonged close contact:
  **Health Department Recommendations:**
  Social distancing recommendations must be met (i.e., limit contact of people within 6 feet from each other for 10 minutes or longer);
  **Suggestion to community:**
  Event organizers should ask themselves; how close will people be and for how long? Ensure that your event is organized in such a way to avoid close contact between people. The Jackson County Health Department advises that “being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 10 minutes” constitutes close contact which could result in exposure.

• Health screening for event organizers including employees and volunteers at event:
  **Health Department Recommendations:**
  Employees must be screened for coronavirus symptoms each day and excluded if symptomatic.
  **Suggestion to community:**
  Have a plan to screen event organizers (employees or volunteers) who will be at the event just prior to participating in the event. [CDC guidelines identify the key symptoms to watch for](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) as fever, cough and shortness of breath. In advance, organizers should discourage attendance for any person who has these symptoms. Throughout event, event organizers should require anyone who has the symptoms to leave.

• Enable strict adherence to hygiene and sanitation protocols at all events:
  **Health Department Recommendations:**
  Proper hand hygiene and sanitation must be readily available to all attendees and employees.
  **Suggestion to community:**
  Provide ready access to hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer stations and actively request participants to abide by personal hygiene recommendations. [CDC recommends that people wash their hands often](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hygiene/hand-washing.html), and if soap and water is not readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, and to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Clean and disinfect setting for the event.
  **Health Department Recommendations:**
  Environmental cleaning guidelines from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are followed (e.g., clean and disinfect high touch surfaces daily or more frequently).
**Suggestion to community:**
Ensure a clean and sanitary environment for the event. Have employees or volunteers ready to disinfect frequently-touched surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails. [CDC provides detailed environmental and disinfection recommendations.](https://www.cdc.gov)
Sector Guidance

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

Guidance for Restaurants, bars, taverns, movie theaters

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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 to 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. Restaurants must close all dine-in areas. Restaurants can still allow carry-out, drive-through or delivery options, but no customers can enter dining restaurants until March 31.

Q. Can my dine-in restaurant open if the number of customers is fewer than 10?
A. No, all dine-in restaurants must close until March 31. If your restaurant can adapt to make all orders to-go through carry-out, drive-through or delivery, it can remain open. Alcohol cannot be taken to go.

Q. Can customers order inside a restaurant for carry-out (such as at sub and sandwich shops)?
A. Yes, although we would encourage all customers to call prior or order their meals online. If at all possible, offer curbside pickup for all meals and restrict customers from entering your establishment. If you are allowing carry-out, please limit the number of people to fewer than 10 people including staff in your restaurant and provide social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Q. Can a bar stay open?
A. No.
Q. Are coffee shops open?
A. Coffee shops are open for drive-through, carry-out and delivery (check individual locations for details). All food must be prepackaged or to-go and dine-in or lounge areas must be closed.

Q. Can I allow customers to use my restaurant’s restroom?
A. Yes, only for those restaurants or coffee shops that are open for carry-out services. If at all possible, offer curbside pickup for all meals and restrict customers from entering your establishment. If you are allowing carry-out, please limit the number of people to fewer than 10 people including staff in your restaurant and provide social distancing of at least 6 feet. Clean and sanitize all bathroom surfaces once customer leaves.

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. Does the new order apply to private clubs, such as country clubs?
A. Yes, any organization that is serving food must serve only to-go and prepackaged food items. Patrons may still attend clubs, but must be limited to groups of fewer than 10. This Order includes all staff.

Q. Does the new order apply to outdoor restaurant patios?
A. Yes.

Q. Does the new order apply to hotels?
A. Hotel dining options are included in this order. Hotels may still deliver room service, or provide prepackaged and to-go food. However, hotel buffets including continental breakfast, dine-in restaurants, taverns and bars must close.

Q. How is this being enforced?
A. The Health Director, working in coordination with Environmental Health and County Sheriff’s office has the authority to protect the community and make decisions regarding individual establishments.

Q. Where do I report restaurants that are not in compliance?
A. Call the Jackson County Health Department at (816)404-8427 or click here

Guidance for Private Business Operations and Employers

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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

Q. What do I do if an employee has had direct contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case (outside of my business)?
A. If an employee has DIRECT Contact with a confirmed case outside of your business they will be required by the Health Department to self-quarantine for 14 days. Their office or workspace must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Include all high-touch surfaces including desktops, doorknobs and light switches. Also include bathrooms, kitchens and any common gathering space. – The individual cleaning MUST gloves, no mask or hazmat suits are needed.

*DIRECT Contact = face to face contact (less than 6ft), shared enclosed area (car or small office space) and direct physical contact

Q. What do I do if an employee tests positive for COVID-19?
A. When an individual that tests positive for COVID-19 all persons that have been in DIRECT* Contact with them will be contacted by the health department. The Health Department will require those person to self-quarantine for 14 days from point of exposure. The office or workspace where the positive employee works must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Include all high-touch surfaces including desktops, doorknobs and light switches. Also include bathrooms, kitchens and any common gathering space. The individual cleaning MUST gloves, no mask or hazmat suits are needed. The business does not need to close. For all other employees, self-monitor for symptoms and if any individual they should not be at work.

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Q. What do I do if an employee is sick but is not a confirmed COVID-19 case?
A. All employees should be sent home. If a sick employee is later tested positive for COVID-19, the Health Department will be in contact with persons the individual has had DIRECT* contact with. 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.

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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 numbers of people coming together at the same time.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched areas (doorknobs, tabletops, countertops, phones, keyboards, etc.)
- Prioritize protective actions for employees who are at higher risk of severe illness.
- 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.

**Guidance for Retail**

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We understand that many residents will rely on larger retailers to purchase needed food and supplies. They are a valuable asset to the community! Please advise that all retailers should limit chances for community spread disease and should encourage social distancing to be used among employees and patrons.
Q. Will stores still be open to purchase food and supplies?
A. Yes, please be aware of your surroundings and practice social distancing (of at least 6 feet) between yourself and other customers.

Q. Are 24 hour stores still open?
A. Be aware that stores may limit their hours to restock, clean and sanitize stores. Please call ahead if you are unsure of store operating hours.

Q. Is it safe to go to stores?
A. The Health Department recommends limiting interactions and shopping if possible. Take precautions, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer, do not touch your face, mouth or eyes. Wipe down any hard surfaces with a wipe.

Q. Is it safe for elderly and at risk to come to my store?
A. Yes, however this population is still at greater risk. Consider encouraging elderly and at risk populations to order through your delivery or online services or sending someone else to shop for them. Regularly clean and sanitize all surfaces, regardless of who enters your store. Consider limiting store hours to spend more time cleaning and restocking. Consider allowing only elderly (60+) and at risk populations including pregnant women, people with chronic disease or those who are immunocompromised into your store during the first part of the day. This allows these high risk groups to shop when stores are freshly cleaned and sanitized and less crowded.

Q. Can grocery stores keep self-service coolers, delis, salad bars and buffets open?
A. No, they MAY NOT have any self-service food coolers, delis, salad bars or buffets open until the rule is lifted. Self-service areas are more susceptible to spreading germs and disease because many people touch tongs, dispensers, etc.

Q. Is Independence Center open?
A. Independence Center is not open.

**Guidance for Specialty/ Gyms**

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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 used should be 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 and spas 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.
COVID-19 Guidance

Q. Does the new order apply to private clubs, such as county clubs?
A. Yes, Patrons may still attend clubs, but must be limited to groups of fewer than 10. This Order includes all staff. However, clubs are prohibited from serving dine-in food until March 31.

Guidance for Hotels

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Q. Do hotel dining areas fall under restaurants, bars and taverns?
A. Yes. All hotel buffets including continental breakfasts, restaurants, bars and taverns must close until March 31.

Q. How can I get meals from my hotel?
A. Room service and prepackaged to-go foods may be served.

Q. Do hotels adhere to fewer than 10 people rule?
A. Individual rooms adhere to hotel’s set capacity. Fewer than 10 persons applies to all lobby and general gathering areas.
Guidance for Schools

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While this order pertains to students in the building, the Health Department strongly encourages all employers, including schools, to allow all non-essential employees to stay home during this period.

- Promote video streamed training and professional development prior to students’ return
- Limit any necessary in-person training to gatherings of fewer than 10.
- The Health Department strongly encourages school districts to lessen any regulations regarding PTO or sick leave during this timeframe.
- 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. Does this include public schools?
A. Yes, all School Districts located in Jackson County are to remain closed to students through April 3.

Q. Does this include private and parochial schools?
A. Yes, all schools within Jackson 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 Jackson County Environmental Health Department guidelines.

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.

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 have the ability to 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?
A. Call the Jackson County Health Department.

- Schools should work with the local health department and other relevant leadership to communicate the possible COVID-19 exposure to the school community. This communication to the school 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 student or staff member has been identified with COVID-19, school and program administrators should seek guidance from local health officials to determine when students and staff should return to school and what additional steps are needed. In addition, students 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 school.

Guidance for Childcare

Early Learning Centers may stay open.

DHSS’s Section for Child Care Regulation (SCCR) has taken the following steps:

- During the period of time that schools are closed, licensed child care providers are able to utilize the rules regarding emergency school closings. This allows licensed programs to accommodate enrolled school-age children who need care. The provider will be permitted to exceed the license capacity of the facility by 1/3 during this time.
- SCCR has developed a process to allow for the temporary care of preschool and school-age children. Short-term licenses for a 45-day period are available. These licenses,
which are renewable, will be based on an abbreviated inspection that focuses on key health and safety indicators.

- Additionally, SCCR has loosened some regulations for licensed child care providers to allow them to extend their hours of care, and eased administrative burdens related to record keeping requirements.

The Department of Social Services has taken the actions below:

- Child Care Subsidy program benefits are extended for 90 days.
- The Child Care Subsidy program can pay for additional hours of care for a child’s attendance due to school closure or the parent is required to work additional hours.
- Child Care Subsidy provider application renewals are extended for 90 days.

Q. Where can I find support for parents who are looking for child care?
A. Childcare Aware of Missouri is a resource to help parents looking for childcare assistance. Parents can call 1-866-892-3228 to speak with a referral specialist or visit their website.

Q. Where can parents find information on Child Care Subsidy benefits?
A. Parent are encouraged to reach out to the Family Support Division for help. They can apply for services online by visiting MyDSS.mo.gov, over the phone by calling 1-855-FSD-INFO, or in-person at their nearest Family Support Division Resource Center.

Q. We do not currently have a case of COVID-19. What should we do?
A. Child care administrators can take the following steps to help prepare for cases of COVID-19 in the childcare setting as well as more widespread community transmission during which childcare closures might be recommended or required by Public Health:

- Implement social distancing measures to limit close contact, such as choosing activities that minimize close contact and allow for more physical space between children.
- Review, update, and implement emergency operations plans (EOPs).
- Monitor and plan for absenteeism.
- Establish procedures for identifying and sending home children and staff who are sick at childcare.
- Perform routine environmental cleaning.
- Create communications plans for use with the childcare community. (See appendix for fact sheets.)
- Consider child to teacher ratio
- Create distancing between classes – including recess, lunches and snacks
- Increase times throughout day that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized
- Encourage parents to notify center if child will be home
- Encourage parents that are teleworking to consider keeping children home
Q. Do staff members returning from travel need to stay home for 14 days?
A. Review updated CDC information for travelers, including FAQ for travelers, and consult with state and local health officials. Many countries and a few U.S. cities have been elevated to Level 3 places.

Q. We have a COVID-19 case in our childcare community. What should we do?
A. Consider closing if:
   - The individual infected with COVID-19 spent time in the childcare setting and had close contact with others while ill. Close contact includes scenarios like being within 6 feet of a confirmed case for about 10 minutes, or if someone with COVID-19 has coughed on you, kissed you, shared utensils with you or you have had direct contact with their body secretions.
   - 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 Department. 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

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Q. I attend a worship center in EJC, will services be allowed?
A. County Orders prohibit gatherings of 10 or more people. If services are limited to fewer than 10 people, they can proceed. Practice social distancing: encourage those in attendance to stand at least 6 feet apart from one another, discontinue handshakes, shared communion, and any other closer interactions. Ensure hand washing and hand sanitizer is available for the congregation.

Q. How does this impact church and community meals and events?
A. Any community meal or events must be cancelled. Attendees are allowed to pick up to-go or sack meals, but may not eat meals onsite.

Q. Can funerals proceed at places of worship or funeral homes?
A. Funerals may proceed if there are fewer than 10 people in attendance, including funeral and service staff.

Guidance for Social/Cultural Facilities

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This includes businesses such as community centers, museums, arcades, bowling alleys, recreation centers, trampoline parks. 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.

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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
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- All employees should be screened using [CDC guidelines identify the key symptoms to watch for](https://www.cdc.gov) such as fever, cough and shortness of breath. Employers should immediately require anyone who has the symptoms to leave.

Q. Can my bowling alley open?
A. Yes, bowling alleys may be open, but most adhere to the County Order of no gatherings of 10 or more. This includes any and all staff.

Q. If bowling is open, can they serve food and/or drinks?
A. All food and drink sales must be limited to prepackaged items.

Q. Are parks and recreation and community centers open?
A. Jackson County Parks + Rec centers are currently closed. Individual municipalities may have closed their locations as well. Contact your individual municipality to learn about closures or limited hours of operation. However, the County Order prohibits gatherings of 10 or more.

Q. Can I take my child(ren) to a bowling alley, arcade, trampoline park, etc.?
A. While entertainment businesses may still be open; know that per County Order gatherings of 10 or more are prohibited. Businesses may limit their hours and capacity. Contact businesses before you arrive to learn about their hours of operation.

Q. Will I get sick if I go to an event?
A. While the Health Department cannot say whether a person will become sick from going to an event, risks are elevated when large groups gather. If you choose to attend a gathering of 10 or more, take precautions such as social distancing (at least 6 feet). Wash hands and use hand sanitizer regularly.
**Guidance for Dental Offices**

American Dental Association calls upon Dentists to postpone all elective procedures.

**Guidance for Funerals**

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Q. Can funeral 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.

**Guidance for Weddings**

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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.

Q. Can an outdoor wedding with 10 or more people still go one?
A. No, per the executive order gatherings must be fewer than 10.

**Guidance for Tech Colleges/ Community Colleges/ Training Schools**

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Close schools operations with the support of superintendents from all 14 school districts, until, Friday, April 3.

"School Operations" means any institution of elementary and secondary education including, but not limited to public, chartered, private or parochial institutions."

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While this order pertains to students in the building, the Health Department strongly encourages all employers, including schools, to allow all non-essential employees to stay home during this period.

- Promote video streamed training and professional development prior to students’ return
- Limit any necessary in-person training to gatherings of fewer than 10.
- The Health Department strongly encourages school districts to lessen any regulations regarding PTO or sick leave during this timeframe.
- 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. How long will my institutions be closed?
A. Per County Order all K-12 schools should be closed through April 3, many institutions are following the same protocols. Reach out to your individual institution to learn about timelines and closure updates.

We are updating this guidance as the situation develops.

For any other questions please:

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