

CITY OF LOVELAND, COLORADO

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER PURSUANT TO C.R.S. SECTION 24-33.5-709
REGARDING COVID-19**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province China that includes symptoms of coughing, fever and shortness of breath with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, those at greatest risk of contracting COVID-19 are elderly individuals and those with underlying health conditions, and the disease is easily transmitted without any display of symptoms; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2020 the Center for Disease Control confirmed the first United States case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020 the State of Colorado had its first positive case of COVID-19 and is now experiencing limited community spread; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 Larimer County had its first positive case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 to ensure that resources are available to the state to combat the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, acknowledging its anticipated worldwide spread; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the United States currently has at least 1,289 cases of COVID-19 in 44 states and Washington, D.C. and has experienced 37 related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the City, the Larimer County Department of Public Health and Environment, state officials and the Thompson School District (the "School District") are cooperatively working to limit community spread and slow the transmission rate of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the School District announced plans for a short-term closure of the schools to include the Spring Break period of March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020, plus an additional one week period, through March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City has remotely activated its Emergency Operations Center, and the City Manager now seeks to declare a local disaster, in addition to other steps outlined below, to address the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized to declare a local disaster pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 which declaration cannot be continued or renewed for more than seven (7) days without the approval of City Council; and

WHEREAS, this declaration activates local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and authorizes aid and assistance under the plans.

NOW THEREFORE I, Stephen C. Adams, City Manager for the City of Loveland, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the statutes of the State of Colorado, the City of Loveland Charter and Loveland Municipal Code:

Section 1. Do hereby declare a local disaster now exists in the City of Loveland, Colorado and may continue to exist for the purposes of responding the COVID-19 outbreak; and

Section 2. Order that that this Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and that a copy shall be filed promptly with the Loveland City Clerk and with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management; and

Section 3. Order that this Resolution shall be effective immediately, and for no more than seven (7) days from the date hereof, unless extended with the consent of the Loveland City Council.

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2020.



Stephen C. Adams, City Manager

ATTEST:


Deputy ~~Patti Garcia~~, City Clerk
Hannah Y. Hill
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Moses Garcia, City Attorney

