

Bent County COVID-19 Response Update 3/16/2020

Bent County Public Health has been working diligently to plan and advise as many entities in Bent County and the City of Las Animas as possible. Please see a quick update below on what some of those entities are currently doing in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Bent County Public Health

- a. Additional cleaning precautions
- b. Doors closed
- c. All services still provided remotely
- d. Home Health Service unchanged

2. Bent County Healthcare Center

- a. Additional cleaning precautions
- b. Visitation suspended
 - i. Families of residents have been informed
- c. All employees being screened daily at arrival
- d. No outside vendors in and out of the facility.

3. Early Learning Center

- a. Additional cleaning precautions
- b. No staff, parent, or child movement between Early Learning Center and Bent County Healthcare Center (shared facility)
- c. Parents must answer screening questions before checking child in.

4. Mountain Prairie

- a. Additional cleaning precautions
- b. Delivery drop offs to limit contact
- c. No outside visitors

5. Bent County Community Center

- a. Implemented a detailed sanitization plan targeting “High Traffic” areas within the BCCC.
 - i. Staff resources have been redirected to ensure a detailed and documented process for ensuring these areas are sanitized daily and detailed 3 times a week.
- b. All rec league activities suspended until deemed safe for all families.
- c. After school program suspended until deemed safe for all families.

6. LASD

- a. Additional cleaning precautions
- b. Limited visitors
- c. All events, including sports, have been cancelled until April 6
- d. Continued monitoring of the situation and working closely with BCPH

7. Core Civic

- a. Additional cleaning precautions
- b. No outside visitation

- c. Any external entity needing access to the facility will not be allowed entrance if they have any obvious signs or symptoms of illness.
- 8. CSU Extension Office**
 - a. Virtual programming for rest of the semester
 - b. Phone communication preferred
 - c. If necessary, in-person appointments can be scheduled by calling in
 - i. limited to one-on-one meetings
- 9. Senior Center**
 - a. closed to the public for at least 14 days, beginning 03/16/20
 - b. doors between BCPH and Senior Center closed (shared facility)
 - c. SAGE: residents receiving congregate meals can pick up meals at the kitchen door of the senior center.
- 10. City of Las Animas**
 - a. Additional cleaning precautions
 - b. Doors closed to outside visitors
 - c. All functions still operating
 - d. Live stream only for city council meetings
- 11. Las Animas Helping Hands**
 - a. Drive through format for pantry and commodities
 - b. Days and times will be posted on Facebook page
 - c. For more information contact Sharon Barber at:
 - i. Help@lasanimashelpinghands.org
 - ii. 719-468-3396
- 12. 5 Loaves Pantry**
 - a. Drive through format for pantry
 - b. First and third Wednesdays of each month
 - c. 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- 13. Bent County**
 - a. Additional cleaning precautions
 - b. Call-in option for Commissioners meetings
 - c. Assessor, Clerk, and Treasurer: business as usual
- 14. Bent County Sheriff's Office**
 - a. Additional cleaning precautions
 - b. No contact visitation
 - c. Screening questions upon entrance
- 15. Bent County Court**
 - a. Specific information will be available on the Colorado Judicial Website at <https://www.courts.state.co.us/>
- 16. Bent County Development Foundation**
 - a. Business by appointment ONLY
 - b. Contact sammie.george@bentcounty.org to schedule appointment
- 17. Transit systems:**
 - a. GATS: Running as usual
 - b. Bustang: Running as usual

- c. Bent County Transit – suspended for 14 days as of 3/17/2020
 - i. Reassess at end of 14-day period

18. First National Bank of Las Animas

- a. Additional cleaning precautions
- b. Lobbies of all location closed for week of March 16, 2020
- c. Drive-up services fully operational during standard business hours
- d. Walk-up services operational where available
- e. Bank staff available for in-person meetings by appointment
- f. Online and mobile banking fully functional and available 24/7

19. Ark Valley Hospice

- a. No outside visitors
- b. Staff reporting temps daily

20. Fort Lyon

- a. Additional cleaning precautions
- b. No new referrals or “pass” for 14 days
- c. Advisory to residents to limit movement out of the facility to “essentials” only
- d. Fort Lyon Healthcare clinic is expanding services to all Fort Lyon residents, so they can be seen onsite
 - i. This will significantly reduce pressure on our local health system

If an agency you are interested in was not mentioned here, it does not mean we have not been in contact with them, or that they are not taking the necessary protective measures.

If you are a local business owner, manager, stakeholder, etc. and would like guidance/assistance with your response planning, please call Bent County Public Health at (719)456-0517.

A similar release of updates will be published weekly until no longer needed. If you would like to be added to the list, please reach out to Bent County Public Health at (719)456-0517.