LPD Taking “Educate, Emphasize and Encourage” Approach to Enforcement

We received many questions from the community since Governor Polis announced the state wide Stay at Home Public Health Order. Most of the questions we’ve received have been surrounding what is being asked of the community by police, and what we are doing to enforce the order. The Lakewood Police Department is working with our community to help everyone healthy and safe during this crisis. To do that, we are taking an “Educate, Emphasize and Encourage” approach to enforcement.

Educate the Community

Colorado residents should take this statewide stay-at-home order very seriously. Creating distance between people slows the community spread of COVID-19, which will decrease the daily number of cases and hospitalizations that occur in Colorado. We urge all our Lakewood community to exercise personal responsibility to protect public health. We all need to take these precautions for the preservation of public health and safety throughout the entire State and to ensure our healthcare delivery system can serve those who are sick.

Emphasize Safety

The Lakewood Police Department’s mission remains to "to serve and protect with integrity, intelligence and initiative.” Lakewood Police Agents will respond to all priority calls. A priority call for service is any situation where there is a crime in progress, whether a life is in danger or not. Always call 911 in these situations. Otherwise, please use our
Lakewood Police are still conducting proactive enforcement; to include regular patrols of neighborhoods, businesses, parks, roads and highways. Residents are urged to drive safely, continue to observe the laws and to stay-at-home as much as possible.

The Public Safety Center located at 445 S. Allison Parkway will remain locked at all times. Communication can be made via intercom if residents need assistance with the Police Records Department. If you have any questions or concerns, you can always use the city’s online customer service hub at [www.Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood](http://www.Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood), which is available 24 hours a day and closely monitored for timely responses.

For Police Service, please call:

- Nonemergency number: 303-980-7300
- Police Phone Tree: 303-987-7111

**Encourage Compliance**

The Lakewood Police Department encourages compliance to the Governor’s Statewide Executive Order, which went into effect on 3/26/20. This Order requires Coloradans to stay-at-home, and subject to certain limited exceptions, orders the Executive Director of the CDPHE to issue a public health order defining critical emergency personnel, infrastructure, government functions, and other activities that are exempt from the directives in this Executive Order. Our community needs to take this stay at home order and extreme physical distancing seriously if we’re going to stop the spread of this virus.

City of Lakewood staff – including park rangers and community service officers, will be doing proactive patrols of parks and recreation areas, businesses and neighborhoods. Our primary goal is to first educate individuals and groups about the order to encourage compliance and discourage future violations. Further violations of the order by individuals and groups can result in citations and fines.
For additional information on the state wide stay at home order, please visit https://covid19.colorado.gov/. For more information on the City of Lakewood’s response to COVID-19 please visit www.Lakewood.org/Virus.