

# Looking@Lakewood

## Coronavirus Disease 2019 information

Lakewood has responded in numerous ways to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) including limiting in-person operations and closing city buildings and facilities while also maintaining essential public safety services. The city will continue to work with local and state officials to adjust operations in the coming weeks to protect public health and safety. Please regularly visit and subscribe to [Lakewood.org/Virus](https://Lakewood.org/Virus) for up-to-date information about city operations.

### ONLINE CITY SERVICES

Lakewood's COVID-19 Resource Center for information on city services and online operations.

- [Lakewood.org/CovidResourceCenter](https://Lakewood.org/CovidResourceCenter)
- 303-987-7000

### BUSINESS RESOURCES

Locate local business services near you.

- [Lakewood.org/SupportLocalBiz](https://Lakewood.org/SupportLocalBiz)
- 303-987-7730

Connecting businesses to recovery resources.

- [Lakewood.org/ResourcesForBiz](https://Lakewood.org/ResourcesForBiz)
- 303-987-7730

Lakewood-West Colfax Small Business Fund for eligible businesses in the West Colfax Avenue corridor.

- Apply at [WestColfax.org/Apply](https://WestColfax.org/Apply).
- Donate at [WestColfax.org/Fund](https://WestColfax.org/Fund).
- 303-275-3430

## COVID-19: PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS



### OLDER ADULT AND VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

Lakewood Rides transportation services for older adults and those with disabilities currently limited to nutritional and medical needs.

- [Lakewood.org/Rides](https://Lakewood.org/Rides)
- 303-987-4826

Volunteers of America hot lunch meals for those age 60 and older currently only delivered on request to Lakewood residents registered for the meal program.

- [Lakewood.org/Lunch](https://Lakewood.org/Lunch)
- 303-987-4833

The Regional Transportation District grocery delivery service for Access-a-Ride customers with disabilities.

- [RTD-Denver.com/Services/Access-A-Ride](https://RTD-Denver.com/Services/Access-A-Ride)
- 303-299-2960

Soldiers' Angels Hunger Relief Program providing food and other assistance to low-income veteran families.

- <https://SoldiersAngels.org>
- 210-629-0020

Benefits in Action providing help with applying for assistance, health benefit navigation and more.

- [BenefitsInAction.org](https://BenefitsInAction.org)
- 720-221-8354

### SCHOOL, FAMILY AND DAY CARE RESOURCES

Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborative for essential personnel.

- [CovidChildcareColorado.com](https://CovidChildcareColorado.com)

Jeffco Public Schools.

- [JeffcoPublicSchools.org/Services/Health\\_Services/Coronavirus](https://JeffcoPublicSchools.org/Services/Health_Services/Coronavirus)
- 303-982-6500

Jeffco Schools Foundation raising money for the hardest hit Jeffco Public Schools students and families.

- [JeffcoSchoolsFoundation.org](https://JeffcoSchoolsFoundation.org)
- 303-982-2210

Jeffco Public Library online resources.

- [JeffcoLibrary.org/Online-Library](https://JeffcoLibrary.org/Online-Library)
- 303-235-5275

Colorado Department of Higher Ed Laptop/technology drive for students lacking access to technology.

- [HigherEd.Colorado.gov/No\\_Lapse\\_In\\_Learning\\_Laptop\\_Drive.html](https://HigherEd.Colorado.gov/No_Lapse_In_Learning_Laptop_Drive.html)
- 303-862-3001

### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Jefferson Center for Mental Health providing outpatient therapy and other clinical services by phone and video only.

- [JCMH.org](https://JCMH.org)
- Walk-in centers: [JCMH.org/Emergency-Crisis-Services](https://JCMH.org/Emergency-Crisis-Services)
- 303-425-0300

Colorado Crisis Services for free, confidential, professional and immediate support for any mental health, substance use or emotional concern, 24/7/365.

- [ColoradoCrisisServices.org](https://ColoradoCrisisServices.org)
- 1-844-493-TALK (8255), or text TALK to 38255.

How to talk to your child about COVID-19 and other Jeffco Public Schools resources.

- [JeffcoPublicSchools.org/Services/Health\\_Services/Coronavirus](https://JeffcoPublicSchools.org/Services/Health_Services/Coronavirus)
- 303-982-6500

Jeffco Public Health blog for mental health and well-being tips.

- [stories.opengov.com/jeffersoncountyco/published/rm\\_A195h5](https://stories.opengov.com/jeffersoncountyco/published/rm_A195h5)

### EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, FOOD AND OTHER ASSISTANCE

Jefferson County community resources for connections to numerous services in English and Spanish.

- [Jeffco.us/4019/Jeffco-Community-Resources](https://Jeffco.us/4019/Jeffco-Community-Resources)
- 303-232-6301

Be prepared for closed playgrounds and limited access to restrooms or water fountains.



Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of at least 6' from other persons at all times.

AT LEAST 6' DISTANCE

Grab & Go School Meal Service providing breakfast and lunch pickup for students.

- [JeffcoPublicSchools.org](https://JeffcoPublicSchools.org)
- 303-982-6500

The Action Center providing food to families in need in a drive-thru model. Volunteers and donations also needed.

- [TheActionCenter.org](https://TheActionCenter.org)
- 303-237-7704

Denver Salvation Army Citadel providing rent, utility and other financial assistance in Lakewood.

- [DenverCitadel.SalvationArmy.org](https://DenverCitadel.SalvationArmy.org)
- 303-922-4549

### ARTS AND NONPROFITS

Community First Foundation's Jeffco Hope Fund to stabilize community organizations in the county.

- [CommunityFirstFoundation.org](https://CommunityFirstFoundation.org)
- 720-898-5900

Supporting nonprofits through volunteer and donations.

- [UnitedWayDenver.org](https://UnitedWayDenver.org)
- 303-433-8383

Colorado Business Committee For the Arts resources for artists.

- [CBCA.org](https://CBCA.org)
- 720-428-6720

### PET RESOURCES

Foothills Animal Shelter providing limited operations for lost and found animals, surrenders and end-of-life services. Donations need.

- [FoothillsAnimalShelter.org](https://FoothillsAnimalShelter.org)
- 303-278-7575

### STATEWIDE SITES

211 Colorado providing confidential and multilingual service connecting people to vital resources in their local community and ways to donate.

- [211Colorado.org](https://211Colorado.org)
- 2-1-1

Help Colorado Now operating the Colorado Relief Fund to help at-risk individuals and coordinate volunteers and donations.

- [HelpColoradoNow.org](https://HelpColoradoNow.org)

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# Letter from the Mayor



## The world has changed

Over the past several weeks we have awakened each day to a much different world. A world filled with new realities, a world filled with profound pain and uncertainty. Maybe you are a senior who is now isolated, a child looking for a meal, a parent having to choose between work or being home to watch your child. You might be dealing with the illness or are caring for those who are sick. You may have started the day without a job, or you are having to look at shutting down your business. The pain can be overwhelming, and the uncertainty can be unnerving.

What I find inspiring is that I feel a powerful coming together, a “we can” spirit. I see that while there is uncertainty, you won’t be driven by fear. What is driving you is love, compassion and understanding. I’m seeing firsthand this great

community coming together to help those most in need and to prepare for the future. We certainly will have continuing challenges ahead of us, but it’s with this abundant spirit we will prevail. We will get through this together. Life will be different, and through this process we will learn a lot about ourselves and our institutions. I’m proud of you, Lakewood. Let’s continue to navigate together with love, care, preparedness and optimism for one another and for our future.

As we move forward it’s important to know that we, the city staff and your City Council, are here for you. City Council continues to meet although in a virtual format, so please participate at [LakewoodSpeaks.org](https://www.lakewood.org/COVIDResourceCenter).

At its annual planning session, City Council set goals for 2020. As always, the goals are ambitious and reflect issues that have come to us through the community. As you can imagine, these priorities have changed as the COVID-19 outbreak continues. Following an April 6 council workshop on its goals, City Council moved to shift this year’s goals to focus on four pillars of support needed for the current emergency. First, the council’s work will be shaped by responding to COVID-19 as needed. Second, to ensure that the city and Jefferson

County receive needed resources, City Council will work on lobbying efforts required to capture funds from the federal CARES Act, the \$2 trillion federal relief package. Third, council directed staff to look at creating a second round of grants from the city’s Community Grant Program to support nonprofits focused on the COVID-19 response. Fourth, council will look for ways to develop effective local business recovery efforts.

While this work is underway, the continuity of the city’s critical services such as police patrols and investigations will remain a priority, and council will closely monitor how the city’s budget is being affected by the economic consequences of this emergency.

The items council developed as goals before the COVID-19 crisis covered six major areas: looking at municipal funding; examining economic development strategies; developing a homeless strategy; working on affordable housing issues; broadening sustainability and recycling efforts; and addressing the many sidewalk, pedestrian and bicycle needs and safety issues in Lakewood. It’s important to note that all of these goals are being addressed in some fashion or another through the incredible staff at Lakewood, and council will work

on these items as time and resources allow.

I want to thank you for helping to define this vision and ask you to continue to engage in the process. I host a monthly coffee and will soon be hosting an evening town hall (both virtually for now), so please email me if you would like to attend. Your voice is very important, so please continue to share your thoughts and ideas.

Lakewood is a great community made up of wonderful people who care. The list of resources on the front page of this edition that provides ways to get assistance as well as for donating and volunteering continues to grow. Please visit [Lakewood.org/COVIDResourceCenter](https://www.lakewood.org/COVIDResourceCenter) for updates and links to additional organizations.

Let’s continue to work together for a brighter tomorrow, and that means staying home, wearing cloth masks in public and maintaining social distancing. These are critical steps in bringing this outbreak under control and #DoingMyPartCO.

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## Council Corner

## Ward 4



Barb Franks



David Skilling

Dear Neighbors,

### Thank you...

For the countless acts of kindness you’ve shown one another during this difficult time.

For social distancing and staying at home.

For checking in on your friends and neighbors.

For honoring the health care workers and first responders, who risk everything and sacrifice so much, and whom we can never thank enough.

For supporting the workers, all of them.

For supporting local businesses.

For the parents who are adding new skills to their resumes every day, and to the teachers showing them how.

Thank YOU! For your patience, understanding, and most of all your commitment. We need one

another now more than ever. True to the spirit of this community, you’ve stepped up to meet that challenge. And for that, we should all be thankful.

### Council update

Prior to the current circumstances, we had drafted a comprehensive article to share some of the upcoming topics of citywide interest that City Council was working to address. But for now, legislative issues such as short-term rentals and metro districts must take a back seat to more pressing matters. While we will continue to take all actions necessary to keep the city in full operation, we must shift our agendas to confront the immediate emergency.

Moving forward, City Council has decided to prioritize our response to COVID-19 and matters that directly impact the safety, health, and welfare of the community. Immediate COVID-19 related priorities include lobbying of state and national officials to obtain additional resources for our city; establishing stakeholder groups to gain insight into small business recovery and assistance needs; looking at the potential to expand the city’s Community Grant Program for COVID-19 related relief; and continuing to build communication

platforms to provide up-to-date information and resources for residents during this time.

### COVID-19

Visit [Lakewood.org/Virus](https://www.lakewood.org/Virus) for current information on the stay-at-home order and mask information, but also look for the link on this page to the city’s COVID resource center with information about city operations, online services and other items. If you have specific innovative ideas for responding to this emergency, please call Jefferson County Public Health at 303-232-6301 or email [HealthEPR@jeffco.us](mailto:HealthEPR@jeffco.us). But this contact information is not for general information or complaints.

### 2020 CENSUS

Economic revitalization and recovery are top priorities for City Council, in both the near term and

the foreseeable future. A critical part of our region’s economic security in the future depends on all of us taking part in the census. This can be done in just a few minutes from your own home. Completing the form now not only ensures an accurate count for funding purposes, but also means no census workers knocking at your door later! Please join us in taking the time to complete this important duty. You can respond online, by phone or by mail. Visit [Lakewood.org/Census](https://www.lakewood.org/Census) for all the details.

Be Safe and Be Well.

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## Mountair Park Community Farm



The city's community farm at Mountair Park is heading into its sixth year with a lot happening. The farm's community shares are available again, allowing residents to get a share of the harvested veggies, and biweekly pickups and monthly payment plans have been added. The farm's advisory committee that provides guidance to the farm, food access issues and educational programs is also looking for members, and those who are interested can contact farm manager Katie Falkenberg at [katie@sproutcityfarms.org](mailto:katie@sproutcityfarms.org). The farm also has internships and jobs available as well as numerous events coming up including volunteer days, the opening of its farm stand and more. More details about all of this information is available at [SproutCityFarms.org](http://SproutCityFarms.org).

## Participate while at home

Our arts, parks and recreation staff are creating online resources to help boost your well-being during the temporary cancellation of programs.

### Lakewood.org/VirtualRec

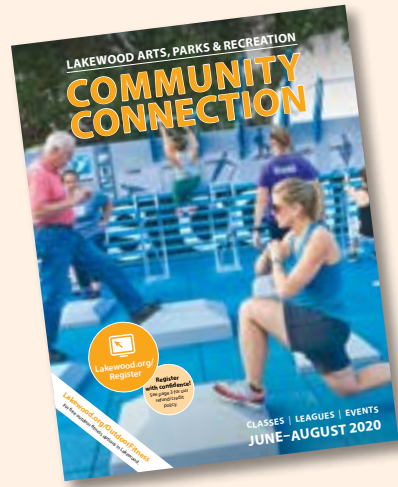
Visit this hub for recreation resources including fitness challenges, sports drills and exercise videos, nutrition tips and more.

### Lakewood.org/VirtualArt

Get creative with art projects and dance moves to try at home. Plus, learn some interesting things about the area's history with insights from Heritage Lakewood.

### Facebook.com/BearCreekLakePark

Check out "Nature Note" educational videos by Lakewood park ranger naturalist, Lindsay Gillis, and see beautiful photographs of parks and wildlife.



## Summer program registration postponed

The original registration date for June-August programs has been postponed.

Look for updates and register at [Lakewood.org/Register](http://Lakewood.org/Register). If a program is canceled, you will be contacted directly with flexible options to receive a household credit or refund.

## Exercise outdoors

Health officials are still encouraging people to get outside for exercise, as long as they do so in a safe and responsible manner. Avoid crowded areas and times, and keep at least 6' of distance or more from others at all times. If you feel sick, stay home.

## Trails

Lakewood has 240 miles of shared-use trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use. Learn more and check trail conditions at [Lakewood.org/Trails](http://Lakewood.org/Trails). Please avoid using muddy trails, which causes long-lasting damage.

## Parks

Explore our 110 parks. Visit [Lakewood.org/Parks](http://Lakewood.org/Parks) to find locations near you.

The Bear Creek Lake Park gate house is closed, but you may enter using a cash-only self-service station (\$10 day pass; \$5 for seniors). Annual passes are available online at [Lakewood.org/BCLPass](http://Lakewood.org/BCLPass).

## We can't wait to welcome you back!

Visit [Lakewood.org/COVIDResourceCenter](http://Lakewood.org/COVIDResourceCenter) for the most up-to-date information on when facilities, playgrounds, shelters, and tennis, pickleball, basketball and fitness courts will reopen.

## New program for teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities



Transitioning out of high school is an exciting but sometimes scary time in any young person's life. This time can be even more challenging for teens who need additional support due to intellectual or developmental disabilities. A new program developed by the City of Lakewood and Lakewood High School is focused on helping these students succeed.

With facilitation by the city's Therapeutic Recreation staff, students in the new program have toured Lakewood's Cultural and Civic centers, met a police agent, and participated in indoor rock climbing, pickleball, fitness classes and swimming at recreation centers.

Students in this program are part of Lakewood High School's Employability Skills class, taught by Jennifer Moriarty. She said that students with special support needs "are least likely to access these types of community resources because of lack of transportation and lack of

understanding that these programs are also available to people with disabilities."

"We're teaching students about recreation and community services so that they feel confident utilizing these opportunities on their own, outside of school hours and into adulthood," said Missy Granish, a Lakewood Therapeutic Recreation programmer. "We want to empower them to advocate for themselves, stay engaged in our community and feel welcome to access every resource."

Lakewood provides accessible facilities, fitness and recreation opportunities, Lakewood Rides transportation services and therapeutic recreation programs to people with disabilities. During Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Awareness Month in March, Lakewood took part in the national campaign to raise awareness about the importance of including people with IDD in all areas of community life.

Although the new program is temporarily on hold due to health precautions, staff is looking for volunteers and other schools or groups interested in becoming partners in similar programs when it is safe to resume. Call 303-987-4867 or visit [Lakewood.org/TherapeuticRec](http://Lakewood.org/TherapeuticRec) or to learn more.



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## HELP LAKEWOOD COUNT Answer Census 2020

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10 simple questions, 10 quick minutes – and you'll help build our future!

A complete census count:

- Shapes new roads, businesses, emergency services, schools and more.
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Your personal census information is confidential by law and cannot be shared with any other government or law-enforcement agencies.

MORE INFO: [Lakewood.org/Census](http://Lakewood.org/Census)



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## Lakewood Speaks expands online public comment for City Council meetings

**W**e know that you care about your community, but struggle with finding time to attend council meetings so that you can participate in the discussions and decisions involving your city.

In recognizing this issue, the city has used the on-demand digital culture to create a way to participate in council meetings from your home, work or anywhere. [LakewoodSpeaks.org](https://LakewoodSpeaks.org) lets you participate without having to attend the meeting, and now it's expanding to include all the agenda items for Regular City Council Meetings.

It will also be a way for residents and community members to provide public comment while City Council holds virtual online meetings during the COVID-19 outbreak. Online public comment will be available from the time the agenda is posted, which is 10 days prior to the meeting, until noon on the day of a meeting. While virtual council meetings are in place, the city is also providing a new option for individuals without access to computers. They can call 303-987-7000 to provide a comment until noon on the day of the meeting that will be transcribed and entered into Lakewood Speaks.

The virtual meetings will continue to be aired on Channel 8 and livestreamed on [Lakewood.org/Live8](https://Lakewood.org/Live8), YouTube and Lakewood Speaks.

Use Lakewood Speaks to get involved in any agenda item in the following ways:

- **Watch recorded videos of staff and others when presentations are part of the agenda.**
- **Read staff reports and other documents.**
- **Review any maps and other materials related to an agenda item.**
- **Ask questions of staff or applicants for cases involving development.**
- **Submit comments for City Council members to review and to be included in the public record.**

Lakewood Speaks works on your mobile phone, tablet or computer for agenda items for both City Council and Planning Commission, which reviews land use and development projects in the city.

The city began using Lakewood Speaks for the Planning Commission in August 2017. The commission saw public participation in its cases increase because of the online public comment, and those who participated online involved a broader range of age groups that more accurately reflect the demographic composition of the city's population. The effectiveness of the website for the commission's cases led first to expanding Lakewood Speaks for use with items involving public hearings at City Council meetings and now to all City Council agenda items.

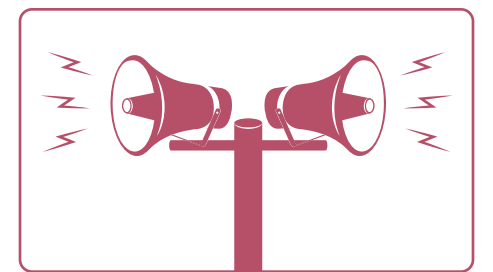
For more information or questions, please call 303-987-7080. [A](#)

## Annual outdoor siren test set for May

**L**akewood will conduct a test of its outdoor siren system at 11 a.m. on May 13 this year. During the test, all 26 sirens in the system will be activated with a long wail, followed by a test voice message over the public address portion of the system. The test will then conclude with one long siren wail.

### What to do when it's not a test

Learn what to do if you hear Lakewood's outdoor sirens during times when it's not a test by watching a video at [Lakewood.org/Sirens](https://Lakewood.org/Sirens). The most important step is to take shelter, particularly in situations



when the sirens are activated for a tornado.

Residents also are encouraged to buy a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio and sign up for the CodeRED system at [Your911.net](https://Your911.net) as additional ways to receive emergency warnings.

For more information or for questions about the city's outdoor siren warning system, call Lakewood's Office of Emergency Management at 303-987-7118. [A](#)

KNOW YOUR MEETINGS

[Lakewood.org/CouncilMeetings](https://Lakewood.org/CouncilMeetings)