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### **Two Rivers Public Health Department Will Enact Additional Directed Health Measures**

Limitations on gatherings that do not allow for social distancing starting April 2, 2020 at 12:01 AM

**Holdrege-** Two Rivers Public Health Department continues to collaborate with local and state government partners to monitor and respond to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation. Our collective priority is to ensure appropriate public health recommendations and requirements are in place to ensure our residents remain as healthy as possible. Two Rivers Public Health Department is enacting additional directed health measures to protect the community's health.

Two Rivers Public Health Department has "*Rules and Regulations for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease, Illness or Poisoning*" enacted by all counties in the Two Rivers Public Health Department district (Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan, Kearney, and Phelps) on June 6, 2006. This gave authority to the Health Director to enact additional Directed Health Measures (DHM) to further prevent transmission of communicable illness, like COVID-19.

The DHM dated April 1, 2020, has been approved by the Chief Medical Officer and Director of Public Health for the State of Nebraska, Dr. Gary Anthone, MD. The Directed Health Measures put in place by Governor Ricketts on March 31 will continue to remain in effect. Details of all DHM covering Two Rivers Public Health Department can be found at <https://www.trphd.org/>

The additional DHM will go into effect at 12:01 am on Thursday, April 2, 2020, and will remain in effect no longer than necessary to ensure the individuals or groups affected by COVID-19 no longer pose a public health threat.

The additional DHM for Two Rivers District Health Department includes requirements where a minimum social distance of six feet between attendees at gatherings must be maintained. This requirement includes but is not limited to beauty salons, nail salons, tattoo parlors, massage therapy offices, and other businesses in the beauty service industry.

The Health Department is continuously evaluating the potential pathways for COVID-19 transmission throughout our communities. Should implementation of additional public health measures be deemed necessary, the public will be notified immediately.

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DHHS opened a statewide coronavirus (COVID-19) information line to help answer general questions and share the latest information and resources with Nebraskans to help keep them informed.

The number is **(402) 552-6645**; hours of operation are **8 a.m.-8 p.m. CST, 7 days a week**.

For more information call Two Rivers Public Health Department at (888) 669-7154 or visit [www.trphd.org](http://www.trphd.org).

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