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CITY OF FREMONT TO ENFORCE GOVERNOR RICKETTS' DIRECTED HEALTH MEASURE ORDERS

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On March 25, 2020, Governor Pete Ricketts announced new restrictions and safety measures for Dodge, Lancaster, and Saunders Counties in a Directed Health Measure DHM (DHM) for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The DHM imposes an enforceable limit on public gatherings.

The DHM is effective immediately and will remain in effect until May 6, 2020, unless renewed.

The DHM states gatherings that bring together more than ten (10) persons in a room or space are prohibited. This includes a school, daycare facility (including in-home facilities), gymnasium, salon, fitness center, auditorium, stadium, arena, large event conference room, meeting hall, theater, library, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This also includes weddings, funerals, parades, fairs, festivals, concerts, and other indoor and outdoor events.

The DHM requires restaurants and bars to close their dining areas immediately and move to takeout service, delivery, and/or curbside service only until further notice. The DHM also instructs schools to operate without students. School staff is excluded.

Failure to comply with the DHM will result in legal action for enforcement by civil and/or criminal remedies. In the event of noncompliance with the terms of the DHM, law enforcement and other Municipal and Local Public Health Department personnel will be required to aid the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in the enforcement of the DHM. The Attorney General's office has provided guidance for law enforcement agencies regarding the enforcement of DHMs in the event of noncompliance.

The DHM in its entirety can be found at <https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-ricketts-adds-lancaster-saunders-and-dodge-directed-health-measure-cass-douglas-sarpy>.

The delivery of some City services are affected and are as follows:

- The Friendship Center remains closed to the public.
- Keene Memorial Library remains closed to the public.
- Public restrooms in City Parks will remain closed.
- Reservations for City ball fields will not be accepted. Ball fields will not be maintained during this time.

The delivery of all other City and Utility services remains unchanged at this time.

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