# COVID RISK DIAL & COMUNITY GUIDANCE





### **COVID RED: Severe COVID-19 Pandemic Outbreak**

- Widespread community or regional transmission of COVID
- There is a significant increase in COVID positive cases OR percent positive cases which may potentially overwhelm the local healthcare system
- There is a significant increase in Flu-Like Symptoms and COVID-like syndromic cases which may potentially overwhelm the local healthcare system
- Hospitals are utilizing Surge Capacity
- There is an inadequate testing capacity for critical workers
- There is inadequate capacity to conduct investigation and contact tracing
- There are shortages of critical medical equipment or testing supplies
- There are PPE shortages impacting critical healthcare workers

General Public	Outside the Home – Work, Social, in Public	At Home
Physical Distancing	<ul> <li>Stay at home unless essential personnel traveling for work, or general public acquiring medical care or food</li> <li>Distance at least 6 feet from anyone outside the home</li> <li>Work from home</li> <li>No contact with others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No distancing for people without symptoms, unless they are under quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who is infected</li> <li>Self-isolation of symptomatic persons</li> </ul>
Face Covering	Face coverings when outside of the home and near others	<ul> <li>No face coverings for people without symptoms, unless they are under quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who is infected</li> <li>Face coverings for symptomatic people</li> </ul>
Hand Washing	<ul> <li>Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/touching face, or before eating</li> <li>Use hand sanitizer when handwashing is inaccessible or infeasible</li> </ul>	Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/touching face, or before eating
Illness Monitoring	<ul> <li>If ill with Flu-like or COVID-like symptoms, Stay at Home even for essential personnel</li> <li>Minimize contact with symptomatic people</li> <li>Daily temperature checks at work</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Daily temperature check</li> <li>Continuously monitor for COVID-19 symptoms</li> <li>Self-isolation of symptomatic persons</li> <li>Contact healthcare provider if sick</li> <li>Monitor the health of anyone in your home with COVID-like symptoms</li> </ul>
Disinfecting	<ul> <li>Avoid bare hand contact with any high touch surface</li> <li>Use barrier such as paper towel or clothing when bare hand contact is unavoidable</li> <li>Wash hands or apply sanitizer after touching high contact surfaces</li> <li>Enhanced disinfection, especially for high contact surfaces (door/other handles, light switches, bathroom fixtures)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Avoid bare hand contact with any high touch surface</li> <li>Use barrier such as paper towel or clothing when bare hand contact is unavoidable</li> <li>Wash hands or apply sanitizer after touching high contact surfaces</li> <li>Enhanced disinfection, especially for high contact surfaces (door/other handles, light switches, bathroom fixtures)</li> </ul>
At-Risk or Vulnerable	For those over age 65, people with underlying health conditions, and other populations at heightened risk from COVID-19  • Stay home	
Population	<ul> <li>Rely on help for needs outside the home (groceries, medications, etc.)</li> <li>Distance from those working outside of the home</li> </ul>	

## **COVID ORANGE: Elevated COVID-19 Spread Risk**

- There are increasing or high stable numbers of COVID positive cases OR percent positive cases due to community or regional spread
- There is an increase in Flu-Like Symptoms OR COVID like syndromic cases in Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan, Kearney, and Phelps Counties or regionally
- Clusters or outbreaks exist that are still likely in their early stages
- There is only enough testing available for symptomatic people
- TRPHD must rely on assistance to conduct investigation for new cases and associated and contact tracing OR TRPHD must assist adjacent jurisdictions to conduct investigation and contact tracing
- PPE supplies are only adequate for critical healthcare workers
- Critical medical equipment is in limited supply

<b>General Public</b>	Outside the Home – Work, Social, In Public	At Home
Physical Distancing	<ul> <li>Stay at home unless traveling for work, medical care, or food</li> <li>Distance at least 6 feet from anyone outside the home</li> <li>Work from home if possible</li> <li>Individual outdoor activities such as walking, biking, etc. are acceptable</li> <li>Smallest number of contacts feasible</li> <li>No large gatherings or events, no more than 25 people</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No distancing for people without symptoms, unless they are under quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who is infected</li> <li>Self-isolation of symptomatic persons</li> <li>Outdoor activities with members of your household are acceptable</li> </ul>
Face Covering	Face coverings strongly recommended for anyone over 2 years old	<ul> <li>No face coverings for people without symptoms, unless they are under quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who is infected</li> <li>Face coverings for symptomatic people</li> </ul>
Hand Washing	<ul> <li>Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/touching face, or before eating</li> <li>Use hand sanitizer when handwashing is inaccessible or infeasible</li> </ul>	Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/ touching face, or before eating
Illness Monitoring	<ul> <li>If sick with Flu-like or COVID-like symptoms, Stay at Home</li> <li>Minimize contact with symptomatic people</li> <li>Daily temperature checks at work</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Daily temperature checks</li> <li>Monitor for COVID-like symptoms</li> <li>Contact healthcare provider if sick</li> <li>Monitor the health of anyone in your home with COVID-like symptoms</li> </ul>
Disinfecting	<ul> <li>Avoid bare hand contact with any high touch surface</li> <li>Use barrier such as paper towel or clothing when bare hand contact is unavoidable</li> <li>Wash hands or apply sanitizer after touching high contact surfaces</li> <li>Enhanced disinfection, especially for high contact surfaces (door/other handles, light switches, bathroom fixtures)</li> </ul>	Enhanced disinfection, especially for high contact surfaces (door/other handles, light switches, bathroom fixtures)
At-Risk or Vulnerable Population	<ul> <li>For those over age 65, people with underlying health conditions, and other populati</li> <li>Stay home</li> <li>Rely on help for needs outside the home (groceries, medications, etc.)</li> <li>Distance from those working outside of the home</li> </ul>	ons at heightened risk from COVID-19

## **COVID Yellow: Moderate Risk of COVID-19 Spread**

- There is a downward trajectory in numbers of COVID positive cases OR percent positive cases due to community or regional spread
- There is a downward trajectory in levels of Flu-Like Symptoms OR COVID like syndromic cases in Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan, Kearney, and Phelps Counties or regionally
- There is limited community spread within Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan, Kearney, and Phelps Counties or regionally
- COVID has a small impact on the local healthcare system capacity
- PPE supplies are adequate for critical healthcare workers and community needs
- Rapid COVID testing is available for all suspected cases and focused asymptomatic surveillance.
- TRPHD is able to conduct investigation and contact tracing for new cases and associated contacts without assistance
- Critical medical equipment is readily available

General Public	Outside the Home – Work, Social, In Public	At Home
Physical Distancing	<ul> <li>Consider staying at home most of the time, with caution for non-essential travel and work</li> <li>Distance at least 6 feet from anyone outside the home</li> <li>Work from home if possible</li> <li>Individual outdoor activities such as walking, biking, etc. are acceptable</li> <li>Cautious expansion of interactions with others, outdoor activities preferred</li> <li>Gatherings only with modifications for COVID-19</li> <li>Events only as guided by TRPHD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No distancing for people without symptoms, unless they are under quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who is infected</li> <li>Self-isolation of symptomatic persons</li> <li>Outdoor activities with distancing are acceptable.</li> </ul>
Face Covering	<ul> <li>Face coverings suggested when unable to distance</li> <li>Face coverings for symptomatic people</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No face coverings for people without symptoms, unless they are under quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who is infected</li> <li>Face coverings for symptomatic people</li> </ul>
Hand Washing	<ul> <li>Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/touching face, or before eating</li> <li>Use hand sanitizer when handwashing is inaccessible or infeasible</li> </ul>	Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/touching face, or before eating
Illness Monitoring	<ul> <li>If ill with Flu-like or COVID-like symptoms, Stay at Home</li> <li>Minimize contact with symptomatic people</li> <li>Daily temperature checks at work</li> </ul>	Monitor for COVID-like symptoms
Disinfecting	<ul> <li>Avoid bare hand contact with any high touch surface</li> <li>Use barrier such as paper towel or clothing when bare hand contact is unavoidable</li> <li>Wash hands or apply sanitizer after touching high contact surfaces</li> <li>Enhanced disinfection, especially for high contact surfaces (door/other handles, light switches, bathroom fixtures)</li> </ul>	Enhanced disinfection, especially for high contact surfaces (door/other handles, light switches, bathroom fixtures)
At-Risk or Vulnerable Population	<ul> <li>For those over age 65, people with underlying health conditions, and other population</li> <li>Stay home</li> <li>Rely on help for needs outside the home (groceries, medications, etc.)</li> <li>Distance from those working outside of the home</li> </ul>	ons at heightened risk from COVID-19

# **COVID Green: Low Risk of COVID-19 Spread**

- Minimal cases of COVID-19 within the community.
- COVID-19 has minimal impact on local healthcare system
- Viral and antibody testing is readily available
- There are effective treatment modalities for COVID-19 and an effective vaccine is widely available
- PPE is easily obtainable through standard supply chains

General Public	Outside the Home – Work, Social, In Public	At Home
Physical Distancing	<ul> <li>No distancing, resumption of normal work and community life</li> <li>Resume normal travel with considerations of COVID activity in destinations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No distancing for people without symptoms, unless they are under quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who is infected</li> <li>Self-isolation of symptomatic persons</li> </ul>
Face Covering	<ul> <li>No face coverings for healthy people</li> <li>Face coverings for symptomatic people</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No face coverings for people without symptoms, unless they are under quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who is infected</li> <li>Face coverings for symptomatic people</li> </ul>
Hand Washing	<ul> <li>Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/touching face, or before eating</li> <li>Use hand sanitizer when handwashing is inaccessible or infeasible</li> </ul>	Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/ touching face, or before eating
Illness Monitoring	<ul> <li>If ill with Flu-like or COVID-like symptoms, Stay at Home</li> <li>Minimize contact with symptomatic people</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Be aware of COVID-like symptoms</li> <li>Contact medical care provider if you have COVID-like symptoms</li> </ul>
Disinfecting	<ul> <li>Increased awareness of germ transmission through high contact surfaces</li> <li>Incorporation of COVID-19 disinfection practices for high touch surfaces</li> <li>Avoid bare hand contact with any high touch surface</li> <li>Use barrier such as paper towel or clothing when bare hand contact is unavoidable</li> <li>Wash hands or apply sanitizer after touching high contact surfaces</li> <li>Normal disinfection, especially for high contact surfaces (door/other handles, light switches, bathroom fixtures)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased awareness of germ transmission through high contact surfaces</li> <li>Normal disinfection practices, with consideration for high contact surfaces (door/other handles, light switches, bathrooms)</li> </ul>
At-Risk or Vulnerable Population	<ul> <li>For those over age 65, people with underlying health conditions, and other populati</li> <li>You do not have to stay home at all times, but should continue physical distancin</li> <li>Cautious expansion of interactions with others, reengage in small social settings,</li> <li>Avoid large group settings and events with many people</li> </ul>	g when possible in public settings.

Two Rivers Public Health Department would like to credit Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department for creating this measurement of SARS-CoV-2 locally.

