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Littleton Police and Schools Remind Residents to Maintain Social Distancing and Avoid Large Gatherings

LITTLETON -- Superintendent Kelly Clenchy and Police Chief Matthew Pinard wish to remind all community residents, and especially young adults, of the importance of adhering to social distancing guidelines as the summer draws to a close.

Under state guidelines, indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet of indoor floor space and should never exceed more than 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space.

Additionally, outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 percent of the maximum permitted occupancy of the space, and all gatherings -- indoor and outdoor -- must be conducted in a way that allows each participant to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from all other attendees who live outside their household.

Everyone attending a gathering with more than 10 people is required to wear a mask or face covering

"We have seen the widespread consequences that have resulted from high school students in other communities not adhering to these guidelines by attending parties at private homes and disregarding the rules that are in place to keep everyone safe,"

Superintendent Clenchy said. "In doing so, these individuals have increased risk-levels within their communities and required dramatic changes to established school reopening plans in order to mitigate further risk. I am hopeful that, in Littleton, our students will remain cognizant of the danger these gatherings pose and continue doing their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a community, we need to continue to pull together and do everything that we can to keep our community as safe as possible."

All Littleton residents are reminded that these guidelines are in place because public health experts have determined that large gatherings are a root cause of the spread of the coronavirus.

"This year has been full of sacrifices by all of us as we've had to upend our way of life to stop the spread of COVID-19," Chief Pinard said. "Now, as schools are reopening, it's even more important that we are mindful of the importance of continued vigilance in the fight against this virus. Our officers will be paying close attention to signs of large gatherings, and will be working to inform and educate residents about physical distancing rules."

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