

# Rocky Mountain Village Estates

## Addressing Your Pandemic Concerns

March 18, 2020

Dear RMVE Residents,

The board, in consultation with the association manager, our attorney, and Evergreen Fire Rescue, has been planning for contingencies that may arise in the community as a result of the spread of COVID-19.

The Fire Dept. has posted notices on our front doors discouraging visitors with any signs of being contagious to think twice about entering, as Rocky Mountain Village residents fall in the High Risk Category.

Based on advice that has been circulated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Colorado Department of Health, we have detailed some possible scenarios and our current plans to deal with them. These plans are subject to change based on CDC guidance and advice from our professional partners.

### Association operations

**Cleaning.** The association has been extensively cleaning, disinfecting, and wiping down surfaces in common areas and amenities. Owners are responsible for their private property. Residents are encouraged to carry disinfectant wipes with them to clean common surfaces that are touched, i.e., elevator buttons, door handles, etc.

**Common areas and amenities.** The association is prohibiting all use of the Mountaineer Room and Evergreen Room and exercise facilities until further notice. Private gatherings in the community rooms must be cancelled through May; the association may elect to use the community rooms for specific purposes yet to be determined. The library and craft room will remain accessible for the time being, but please exercise great caution and consideration of others if you use these rooms, disinfecting tables and chair handles if possible

**Meetings.** Although we have tried to make a practice of holding public board meetings, we may find it necessary to conduct business without having the public present until such time as such gatherings are considered safe for the health of our residents. In fact, the board is unlikely to gather except by phone call.

**Social distancing.** Many experts also are urging people to practice “social distancing,” which is the idea of maintaining a roughly 6-foot distance between other people. ***We suggest you avoid having more than two people in the elevators at any one time.*** It also means limiting non-essential travel, avoiding public transportation when possible, working from home, and skipping social gatherings.

**Staffing.** The community may experience temporary staff shortages if employees get sick or need to remain at home. Move-ins and move-outs, open houses, construction work, large deliveries, and maintenance may be curtailed until staffing levels return to normal and the coronavirus pandemic is better controlled. Please check with the Manager by phone if you have any questions about these activities.

## If you get sick

Medical authorities are strongly urging all persons who exhibit symptoms to stay home and avoid public spaces unless you need medical care. You also should separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.

*As an independent-living facility, we are not privileged to special information nor assistance that might be granted to skilled-nursing or assisted-living facilities. We have been informed by Fire Rescue that they are not even permitted to share with us when public health officials let them know a patient they've transported has tested positive.*

We encourage you or a relative to notify the office if you have been confirmed as having COVID-19 to help us monitor the situation. More importantly, however, you should notify anyone with whom you have had direct contact.

If appropriate, the association may notify residents that an individual in the community has contracted the virus, but we would be restricted from sharing any resident's name or other specifics. Authorities recommend we avoid disclosing this information to avoid panic. The association will be prepared to reasonably accommodate an owner who is sick by postponing violation hearings, extending deadlines on special requests, or granting payment extensions if appropriate.

The Board of Directors of RMVE is not authorized to make medical or legal decisions during this pandemic emergency. We will, however, follow the medical and legal authorities' recommendations and/or requirements.

This association will not and does not make any of the decisions mentioned above lightly. These actions are being taken to help ensure the health and welfare of the residents of this community. We pledge to keep residents informed of all relevant developments and how they affect association operations.

It is also incumbent upon residents to take this situation seriously and do their part to minimize the spread of this deadly disease. The association highly encourages you to review safety guidelines and look for updates from the CDC, the local health department, and the World Health Organization.

Although we may choose to share bits of information about how best to stay healthy and may reach out to others to help facilitate your ability to shop and have prescriptions filled, RMVE cannot assume the role of monitoring this pandemic nor protecting you from it. Neither can we enforce quarantines. ***Ultimately, it is the duty of the residents to take care of themselves and to be considerate of others who are at risk.***

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Ron Pieffer, President

Rocky Mountain Village Estates HOA

**If you need to need to visit a doctor or get tested for COVID-19, develop a plan before you go:**

- Call ahead before visiting your doctor.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Clean your hands often.
- Avoid sharing household items, such as utensils, plates, glasses, and towels.
- Clean all “high-touch” surfaces, such as counters, tables, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, phones, keyboards, and remotes.

**THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY  
CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE  
THAT EACH PERSON  
IS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THEIR OWN HEALTH.**

**The following websites are recommended for the most accurate information:**

**[Colorado Department of Health](https://colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus)**

**[colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus](https://colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus)**

**[Center for Disease Control](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)**

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## **Needing help with groceries or prescriptions?**

We urge you to consider ordering groceries online and picking them up curbside at King Soopers. The cost is \$4.99 per order. King Soopers does not offer delivery service.

Many people have offered to help our residents with picking up groceries or prescriptions. By using curbside pickup at King Soopers, volunteers do not need to go into the stores and do not need to handle cash. If prescriptions can be prepaid by phone, that would be preferable.

We are setting up a clearinghouse of sorts to pair up volunteers with those who need help. If you live in Bergen and need help or want to be of assistance, contact Linda Kirkpatrick at 303-674-6269. Until a volunteer steps forward in Genesee, please contact Kathy at 303-674-4739.

The board has initiated contact with King Soopers management to encourage special consideration for the elderly to shop when the store is not crowded and when the shelves are stocked, something put in practice in some metropolitan areas elsewhere in the country.

Evergreen Safeway has suspended its online orders until further notice. However, **starting March 19 it will have special shopping hours for high-risk shoppers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7-9 am.** Our Safeway does not offer delivery services of any kind.

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## **Need to be tested for coronavirus?**

Evergreen Fire Rescue advises us that testing for coronavirus requires a referral from one's physician after answering questions that demonstrate a person is thought to be infected. Testing is not done in a doctor's office. They stress that a person should NOT go to an emergency room or urgent care facility for testing.

# Help keep our area restaurants in business!

## Offering take-out:

- Beau Thai (Bergen Village) • 11 am – 9:30 pm • 303-670-1977
- Cuisine of the Himalayas (Bergen Village) • 11 am — 9:30 pm • 303-670-3370
- Dandelion's Café (Bergen Pkwy near Blue Quill Angler) • 8 am – 4 pm • 303-674-5000
- Parkside Café (near Center for the Arts) • 8 am – 2 pm • 303-674-3226
- Sushi Win (near Rec Ctr) • 11 am – 9 pm • 303-670-6751
- Tequila's (near King Soopers) • 10:45 am – 10 pm • 303-674-3739
- The Wild Game (across from King Soopers) • 11 am – 8 pm • 720-630-8888
- Tuscany Tavern (near Rec Ctr) • 11 am – 8 pm • 303-674-3739