

Teller County COVID-19 Joint Information Center



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Teller County Public Health & Environment Clarifies COVID-19 Enforcement

TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO – Teller County Public Health and Environment (TCPHE) has received reports that a person, or persons, is visiting restaurants and shops in the Cripple Creek area, claiming to be a representative of TCPHE or another public health authority and threatening enforcement actions against business operators including but not limited to fines, civil penalties, and closure of the business for failure to comply with current statewide health orders in place for COVID-19, specifically with Governor Polis' Executive Order D 2020 164 requiring individuals to wear a face covering while out in public.

TCPHE wants to reassure business owners in Teller County that no Teller County employees nor representatives of any other outside public health authority are conducting on-site visits to businesses with the intent of fining or closing them in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. As has been the case since early in the pandemic, Teller County Public Health & Environment continues to focus on an educational approach, aspiring towards voluntary compliance with current orders and guidance that have been issued statewide.

All employees representing a public health regulatory authority are required to present identification badges to the operator of a facility upon arrival at the premises. Anyone approached by an individual claiming to represent a public health authority should ask to see their identification badge. If the individual cannot provide an identification badge, the individual should be asked to leave the business.

If you are approached, questioned, or threatened with closure or fines, please contact Teller County Public Health and Environment at 719-687-6416 to verify if the individual is an employee of the County. Our goal is to continue to serve the public with courtesy and professionalism, building bridges and partnerships with members of our community.

Follow @tcsopio for updates and changes to these plans

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