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West Metro Closes Facilities to Public During COVID-19 Outbreak

Lakewood, CO – Effective today, West Metro Fire Rescue is closing the district’s administrative offices to the public. The closure is being implemented as the number of presumptive cases of COVID-19 is rising in Colorado and within West Metro’s district.

The decision to close the offices is aimed at preventing further spread of the virus within our community, protecting the people we serve and our first responders, including the dispatchers and staff with JeffCom. The dispatch center is headquartered in our building and is a regional communications center; handling emergency calls for eight police and fire agencies.

While the offices are closed, people who have business with the district can do so by making an appointment and following the screening procedure prior to entering the building. Please call (303) 989-4307 to make an appointment.

West Metro has also suspended all district-related activities, including fire station visits, apparatus visits, car seat fittings, and public outreach. We understand the impact these actions may have on the community and we are continually monitoring the situation, adjusting business practices and emergency operations as necessary in order to maintain the highest possible level of service.

With the use of proper precaution and protocols, we are working to control the spread of the virus and get through this outbreak with the least amount of disruption to the community.

Some very simple steps that you can take:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick

In order to continually provide the highest level of service, West Metro asks that if you have non-life threatening flu like symptoms please contact your primary care physician (PCP) prior to calling 911.

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About West Metro Fire Rescue:

West Metro Fire Rescue is an ISO 1, internationally accredited, full-service, all-hazard, fire and rescue agency. We serve nearly 280,000 residents in the cities and towns of Lakewood, Morrison, Golden, Wheat Ridge and Edgewater. The District also serves sections of Jefferson and Douglas County and unincorporated Littleton, Colorado. WMFR is committed to providing professional fire protection, emergency medical services, life safety and community service with a vision that shapes the future. Visit us at www.westmetrofire.org.