



# *Loveland Police Department*

*Robert L. Ticer, Chief of Police*  
*Save Lives, Fight Crime, Survive*

---

## *MEDIA RELEASE*

Contact: Loveland Police Department  
Lt. Bob Shaffer  
970-962-2687

Subject: LPD Response to Covid-19 Outbreak

Date: March 16, 2020

In response to the nationwide outbreak of Covid-19, the Loveland Police Department is implementing precautionary protocols to minimize situations that could expose police department personnel and the community to the virus. Our plan also addresses continuation of effective police response in the event Department staffing levels are reduced due to illness. This involves modifying work schedules and guidelines for interpersonal interactions with their co-workers and the Loveland community.

These are the guidelines under which officers and civilian personnel will be working:

- Officers will handle as many non-emergency calls as possible by phone. Community members can report non-emergency calls using the LPD On-line Reporting System. Officers will continue to respond in-person to emergency, in-progress and 911 calls.
- Loveland Police Senior Volunteers and other volunteer activities are suspended until the threat is mitigated.
- The Police Department lobby will not be open for public business.
- Arrestee detention areas (patrol cars and booking areas) and the Communications Center will be more frequently and thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.
- LPD personnel will be asking callers to inform us if they are exhibiting any Covid-19 symptoms so officers may wear protective gear (mask and gloves) when they respond.

The Loveland Police Department is committed to providing the best and most efficient service to our community as we possibly can. We believe that personal attention accomplishes this but under the current circumstances, we need to put the health and safety of our citizens and officers as our #1 priority. We ask that the community be supportive and understanding if we cannot handle situations on a face-to-face basis.

**###End LPD###**

Any identified criminal charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Crime Stoppers may be reached at 970-221-6868 where callers will remain anonymous and possibly be eligible for a cash reward.