

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY SUPPORT TASK FORCE

In addition to the serious physical health impacts for some, the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the economic well-being and emotional health of the people of our county. Employers, employees, families, and individuals of all ages and circumstances are experiencing significant, adverse life changes due to business closures and drastically reduced economic activity along with diminished social connection and support.

We have a resilient community, and many are already finding ways to cope and help others, but for many, additional assistance and resources will be required.

We have convened and are facilitating discussions among the county's chambers of commerce, economic development offices, social services agencies (represented by United Way), and philanthropic organizations on how best we can cooperatively address critical needs in our community. The needs are great and varied and this is an ongoing incident that will take time to resolve. The leaders and staffs of these organizations are the experts at what they do, and actively engaged in shaping and implementing a variety of efforts to begin to address these requirements. Our roles have been to merely convene these leaders and foster collaborative, county-wide discussions, and information sharing, as this crisis evolves. The task force is comprised of a diverse group of service entities working cooperatively in response to a unique and complex challenge to our community as part of the response to this worldwide pandemic.