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Garage Sale Guidance

Spring and summer are when we see garage sales, yard sales, and other outdoor sales pop up all over Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Health Department **recommends that people hold off on having garage sales and strongly discourages multifamily sales** or sales at churches or other organizations. COVID-19 is mainly spread person to person but it may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by **touching a surface or object that has the virus on it** and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about how this virus spreads.

Virtual Garage Sale

- You can hold a no-contact yard or rummage sale.
- You can post and sell items using a virtual community, garage sale apps, or online sales platform. These options allow sellers to sell items without physical contact with the buyer.

If you decide to have or attend a sale, despite recommendations, follow these guidelines:

- Minimize exposure by only holding a garage sale for one day.
- Place posters encouraging social distancing for customers to see upon arrival and while shopping.
- Set up tables and chairs 6 feet apart.
- Use heavy-duty tape to form a flow for customers to follow throughout the sale.
- Ask customers to stand in a line, while spread apart, during high traffic times.
- Clean all tables and chairs several times throughout the day.
- Make sure all merchandise is wiped down with a disinfectant product before placing on a table or chair for sale.
- Wipe down all tables and chairs using disinfectant at the end of the day or in the morning before the next day of the sale starts.
- Wear masks and disposable gloves at all times during the sale.
- Wash hands/sanitize hands frequently when handling money.
- Have hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol on tables and other places for customers to use.
- Buyers should wash all clothing and disinfect other items after pick up.
- Place a new envelope for each buyer on a table. The seller can watch the buyer leave their money in the envelope, making sure to stay at least 6 feet away. Sellers should wait at least 24 hours to open the envelope to reduce the chance of infection.

Be sure to postpone or cancel any sales if you feel unsafe or if you cannot follow our recommendations. Make sure another person can observe interactions from a safe distance.

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