Closing Order Being Obeyed, Reports Show

Theaters and Saloons in Pennsylvania Support Move to Check Influenza.

50,000 CASES IN STATE.

The official order issued by Dr. Royer, commissioner of health, yesterday requires all public places of amusement and other places where crowds assemble to be closed.

The order applies to theaters, movies, saloons, dance halls, amusement parks, and any other places where people gather closely.

Dr. Royer estimated today that there are at least 50,000 cases in the state.

WILL ENFORCE ORDER.

The order will be enforced by the state health department, which has the authority to issue such orders.

Violations of the order may result in fines or imprisonment.

Dr. Royer is confident that the order will be followed and that the spread of the disease will be slowed.

No Order on Pairs.

Numerous inquiries were made at the department today by health boards in various parts of the state regarding the closing of clubs, county fairs, and public places, but at the present no general order will be issued to cover these.

Orders will be issued at the discretion of local health boards, and it is hoped that such orders will be issued locally.

Penalty for Violation.

If necessary, all places that do not comply with the order may be closed by the state health department.

Every person who violates any order of the department shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than $500 or by imprisonment not to exceed one month, or both, at the discretion of the court.