

**STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE PRESS BY THE COLORADO STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, AT THE REQUEST OF SURGEON GENERAL BLUE, UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, RELATIVE TO EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA:**

Epidemic influenza has now reached Colorado, and has made its appearance in various sections of the state. The following orders have been given to the health officers of every town and county within the borders of Colorado:

**First:** That the public be advised of the danger of public assemblies, because of the fact that spanish influenza is a "crowd" disease.

**Second:** Impress upon the public that it is the duty of every person to cover his mouth and nose with a handkerchief when sneezing or coughing, because the secretions of the nose and mouth contain the germ of influenza.

**Third:** That upon the appearance of the disease in any town that all theatres, churches, schools and other places where people assemble be closed until the epidemic has run its course.

**Fourth:** That the people be instructed to remain at home while suffering from a bad cold, as many so-called colds are influenza in a mild form and may develop some serious complications by unnecessary exposure.

**Fifth:** Isolate the patient and allow no visitors to enter the house where a case of influenza may be.

It is unnecessary to establish a general quarantine, as the influenza germ is short-lived and therefore, there is practically no danger of the disease being transmitted by a third party.

**Remarks:**

The closing order may appear to some to be a radical and harsh precautionary measure, but it is the belief of both the United States and State health authorities that by taking this precautionary step a number of lives may be saved in each community.

The Secretary of The Colorado State Board of Health received this morning the following telegram from Surgeon Rupert Blue; United States Public Health Service:

"Public Health Service will mobilize with aid of volunteer medical service corps all outside medical aid required in combating present influenza epidemic. Red cross upon specific request from this service will mobilize nursing personnel and furnish necessary emergency hospital supplies which cannot be obtained otherwise. Inform all city and county health officers in your state that all appeals for aid must be made to State Health department, which will make requests to Surgeon General Public Health Service. Whenever necessary, a public health service will establish district officers to cooperate with state officials and distribute on medical and nursing personnel."

Signed,

Blue, Public Health Service.