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## **OSAGE COUNTY KANSAS**

### **COVID-19 REOPENING ORDER**

Osage County will adopt the following order beginning at **12:00 a.m.** on **May 28, 2020**, and this order will remain in effect until rescinded. This order may be expanded and/or modified by the Osage County Public Health Officer as circumstances dictate in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Osage County.

1. Executive Order 20-34 implementing the modified Phase 2 of the Ad Astra Plan is no longer in effect.
2. Osage County's order implemented on May 22, 2020 is rescinded.

### **PHASE 3**

#### **3. Mass Gatherings:**

- a. Mass gatherings of more than 90 individuals are prohibited.
  - i. Mass gatherings are defined as instances in which individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance between individuals (not including individuals who reside together) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.

#### **4. Business restrictions:**

- a. All businesses can open if they comply with the following:
  - i. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between customers or groups of customers;
    1. Restaurants or dining establishments may meet this requirement by using physical barriers sufficient to prevent virus spread between seated customers or groups of seated customers;
  - ii. Follow fundamental cleaning and public health practices detailed on [covid.ks.gov](https://www.covid.ks.gov); and
  - iii. Avoid any instances in which groups of more than 90 individuals are in one location and unable to maintain a 6-foot distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. This does not limit the total

occupancy of a business, but requires that businesses limit mass gatherings in areas and instances in which physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as at tables or in entrances, lobbies, break rooms, check-out areas, etc.

- b. All businesses in operation should follow industry-specific guidelines as provided on [covid.ks.gov](https://www.covid.ks.gov). Following any additional best practices guidance from each business sector is encouraged.

**5. Education, Activities, and Venue Restrictions:**

a. Educational Facilities:

- i. K-12 facilities should continue to follow the guidelines of the Continuous Learning Plan developed by the Kansas State Department of Education. Districts with facilities in more than one county or city should follow any applicable directives issued by the county and city in which their district office is located. Schools may be open provided that no more than 90 people are gathered at one time in one area and social distancing guidelines are followed.
- ii. Higher education facilities that are closed may open for in-person learning or events involving groups of up to 90 individuals present at a time, providing social distancing guidelines can be followed in the space utilized.
- iii. Licensed childcare facilities may continue operations pursuant to state and local regulations.

b. All activities and venues can open if they can adhere to the following:

- i. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between individuals or groups (not including individuals who reside together);
- ii. Follow fundamental cleaning and public health practices (compliance with any additional sector-specific best practices guidance is encouraged); and
- iii. Avoid any instances in which groups of more than 90 individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. This does not limit the total occupancy of a facility, but requires that facilities limit mass gatherings in areas and instances in which physical distancing cannot be maintained such as in entrances, lobbies, locker rooms, etc.

c. The following may open for their intended purpose, providing they can maintain social distancing and not exceed 90 persons in attendance as listed above;

- i. Community centers and senior centers;
- ii. Correctional Facilities;
- iii. Long Term Care Facilities;
- iv. Outdoor and indoor entertainment venues;
- v. Fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, commencements, and graduations;
- vi. Swimming pools (other than backyard pools);
- vii. Organized sports facilities and tournaments; and

- viii. Summer camps.
- d. Any facilities listed in this order may institute their own regulations as needed for the safety of their population (for example, Long Term Care Facilities and Correctional Facilities). Following related association or oversight guidelines is encouraged.

#### **PHASE 4**

#### **6. Removal of Mass Gatherings Limitations:**

- a. The above mentioned limit of a maximum 90 persons at gatherings will end as of **12:00 a.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, providing the local county transmission rate remains stable.
- b. Social distancing guidelines will continue to be encouraged, as well as practicing good personal hygiene and staying home if ill.

#### **PHASE OUT**

#### **7. All Restrictions Lifted:**

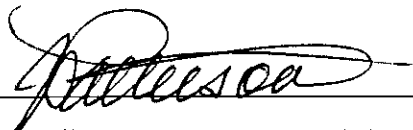
- a. Providing the county's local transmission rate continues to remain steady or decline, as of **12:00 a.m. on July 1, 2020**, all provisions will cease.
- b. Individuals may choose to wear masks and observe social distancing, but it will no longer be an expectation.
- c. Individual businesses may likewise choose to continue to implement guidelines within their businesses that help protect their employees, customers, and the public, such as requiring masks or limiting the number of visitors at Long Term Care Facilities.
- d. Restaurants and other establishments no longer must provide barriers or maintain 6 feet of distance between tables.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

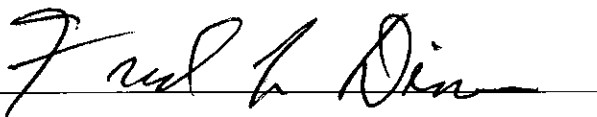
#### **8. Enforcement of Order:**

As currently permitted pursuant to state law, law enforcement officers enforcing this order should use their discretion, consult with their legal counsel, and consider the totality of the circumstances as they determine appropriate enforcement actions. Per **Kansas Statute 65-129b**, the Public Health Officer may order the isolation and/or quarantine of individuals in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and may order law enforcement officers to assist with this order.

This document shall become effective as of **12:00 a.m.** on **May 28, 2020**, and remain in force until rescinded. This order may be expanded and/or modified by the Osage County Public Health Officer as circumstances dictate in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Osage County.

  
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Jacqueline Patterson, RN, BSN  
Osage County Public Health Officer

5.27.2020  
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Osage County Board of Health

05/27/2020  
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## **Guidance for Individuals and Employers/Businesses**

### **1. Guidance for Individuals:**

- a. Individuals are encouraged to wear cloth masks in public settings as appropriate and especially when using mass transit. Employees should follow industry-specific guidance on mask use in workplaces.
- b. When in public (e.g. parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas) all individuals (not including individuals who reside together) should maintain a 6-foot distance from others with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
- c. All high-risk or vulnerable individuals are encouraged to stay home except for essential needs.

### **2. Guidance for Employers/Businesses:**

- a. Businesses may increase staffing back to normal levels, with social distancing strongly encouraged.
- b. Businesses may choose whether or not staff are required to wear face masks while at work.
- c. Sanitation supplies, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, etc. are encouraged to be available for employee use.
- d. Special attention to sanitation and cleaning is encouraged, especially for areas/objects utilized frequently by staff and the public.