

**EMERGENCY ORDER OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Emergency Public Health Order issued on this 1st day of May, 2020 to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in Lyon County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b and K.S.A 65-202 and other applicable laws or regulations.

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Officer is authorized and required, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b, and K.S.A 65-202 to immediately exercise and maintain a supervision over known or suspected cases of any infectious or contagious disease during its continuance, and to issue orders seeing that all such cases are properly handled and that the provisions of the Kansas public health laws as to isolation, quarantine and disinfection are duly enforced; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Officer is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and is authorized to prohibit public gatherings when necessary for the control of any all infectious or contagious diseases, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 the Governor of the State of Kansas, Laura Kelly, found that a disaster had occurred, or the threat thereof was imminent as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the confirmed outbreak and person-to-person spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, the Chairman of the Board of Lyon County Commissioners of Kansas found that a disaster had occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent within Lyon County, Kansas as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the confirmed outbreak and person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in Kansas and Lyon County, resulting in serious illness and deaths in Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, such conditions endanger the health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the border of Lyon County, Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Lyon County Health Officer, all recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting epidemic in the United States and in Kansas continue to threaten the life and health of our citizens and visitors as well as the economy and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property, and the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, for the preservation of public health and safety throughout Lyon County, and to ensure that our healthcare delivery system is capable of serving those who are sick, it is necessary to take additional measures consistent with public health guidance to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the Local Health Officer, pursuant to the above authorities, that:

**Section 1. Business Operations; Social Distancing Requirements; Facial Coverings; and Prohibited Activities**

1. **Businesses and Operations**. All Businesses and Operations shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Public Health Order, including by maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and members of the public at all times, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.
2. **Social Distancing Requirements**. For purposes of this Order, Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
  - a. **Required measures**. Businesses and Operations must take proactive measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including where possible:
    - i. **Designate six-foot distances**. Designating with signage, tape, or by other means six-foot spacing for employees and customers in line to maintain appropriate distance;
    - ii. **Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products**. Having hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers;
    - iii. **Separate operating hours for vulnerable populations**. Implementing separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers; and
    - iv. **Online and remote access**. Posting online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.
3. **Facial Coverings**. Facial coverings include, cloth masks, scarfs, bandanas, or any other means of covering a person's nose and mouth to protect against the spread of disease. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children under the age of two should not wear a facial covering. Lyon County Public Health is strongly recommending that all individuals over the age of two wear a facial covering when in a public location. Lyon County Public Health also recommends that

businesses require employees and the public to wear a facial covering while inside their facilities.


4. **Prohibited Activities.** Lyon County Public Health is requiring Lyon County residents to follow Executive Order NO. 20-29 Implementing Phase One of “Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS” effective on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.


In addition, all dine-in services at restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food are prohibited. Food may be served for consumption off-premises, through such means as in-house delivery, third-party delivery, drive through, carryout and curbside pick-up. Self-service food and beverage services are prohibited.

## Section 2. Intent; Enforcement; and Effect of this Public Health Order

1. **Intent of this Public Health Order.** The intent of this Public Health Order is to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible. When people need to leave their places of residence they should at all times and as much as reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements. All provisions of this Public Health Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.
2. **Enforcement.** Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b, any sheriff, deputy sheriff or other law enforcement officer of the state or any political subdivision within Lyon County, Kansas is hereby ordered to assist in the execution or enforcement of this order.
3. **Effective.** This Public Health Order is effective at 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and shall remain in effect for 14 days, until 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, unless sooner amended, superseded or rescinded. This Public Health Order may be supplemented or modified as required for the effective and efficient management and control of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in the County by further order or direction of the Lyon County Board of Health or by the Lyon County Health Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020

  
Renee Hively, RN-BSN  
Lyon County Health Officer  
May 1, 2020

  
Rollie Martin, Chairman  
Lyon County Board of Health  
May 1, 2020