



LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 17 ISSUED AUGUST 10, 2020 “RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES”

To mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Riley County, Kansas, and pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b, K.S.A. 65-202 and other applicable laws and regulations, this Order No. 17 is issued. In my capacity as the Local Health Officer, I am authorized and required to immediately exercise and maintain supervision over known or suspected cases of any infectious or contagious disease and to issue orders seeing that all such cases are properly handled and that the provisions of the Kansas public health laws regarding isolation, quarantine and disinfection are duly enforced.

As the Local Health Officer appointed by the Board of Health, I am duly authorized to prohibit public gatherings and take other measures necessary for the control of any and all infectious or contagious diseases.

In my capacity as the Riley County Local Health Officer, I have determined this Order No. 17 is necessary to control the potential spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) within Riley County, Kansas and to supplement all valid orders of the Governor regarding such potential spread.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the following actions shall be taken immediately, and this Order No. 17 supersedes my Orders previously issued, with the exception of any continued prohibitions or restrictions ordered herein, and this Order No. 17 supplements all valid orders of the Governor.

Actions taken so far have demonstrated some success in flattening the epidemic curve to prevent overwhelming our local health care system's ability to care for the number of residents who might develop severe symptoms. I still strongly recommend you wear a mask both inside a public space and when you are outdoors if you cannot maintain 6 feet of social distance from people who are not members of your household. I still strongly recommend you use proper hand hygiene, such as washing your hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

With full community cooperation, this proactive public health Order No. 17 may minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our Riley County community.

Section One: Definitions

For purposes of this Order No. 17, Social Distancing is defined as follows: maintaining at least 6-foot social distancing from every other person present at a location, not including individuals who reside together.

For the purposes of this Order No. 17 the phrase "public or mass gathering" is defined as any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening 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.

Section Two: Restricted Activities

For purposes of this Order No. 17, individuals are ordered to restrict activities based upon my authority as the Local Health Officer. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID- 19, and people who are sick, are urged to stay in their residence except as necessary to seek medical care. Social Distancing and masks or face mask coverings described in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines are not required between members of the same household.

A. MASS GATHERINGS

1. Mass gatherings of greater than 50 individuals are prohibited. All individuals present within the city limits of Manhattan must comply with the local mask ordinance.
2. Mass gatherings of greater than 50 individuals (but less than 2,000) are only allowed if approved at least 14 days prior to the event. Please follow this link for the request form. <http://rileycountyks.gov/1857/Novel-Coronavirus-2019-nCoV>
3. Large venues of more than 2000 person capacity shall remain closed.

B. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

Businesses and other locations that are open shall comply with the following additional restrictions. For purposes of this Order No. 17, all businesses and locations are required to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers Responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), May 2020" (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>) and industry-specific guidance from trade groups. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to require that any business or location open if they choose not to.

1. It is strongly recommended that all restaurants and bars screen each employee prior to each shift. It is strongly recommended any such screening include asking about symptoms, travel, and checking temperatures. Please use Appendix A for such screening.
2. All bars shall close and further service end, and all dine-in service at restaurants shall end at midnight and customers shall clear the premises in such bars and restaurants by 12:30 A.M.
3. Drive-through, delivery, and curbside service at restaurants may continue past midnight.
4. All restaurants and bars are limited to seated areas only. This includes patios.
 - Service or consumption of food or drinks at a counter/bar or in standing-only areas is prohibited.

- Consumption of food and beverages shall only take place at a table via seated service.
 - Dance floors (including but not limited to temporary spaces obtained by removing tables or other objects for the purpose to allow people to dance) shall be closed.
5. All seated parties must be placed at least 6 feet apart from other seated parties (between tables and/or booths), or when that is not feasible a barrier such as plexiglass or other partition shall divide booths or tables closer than 6 feet.

Section Three. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b, any sheriff, deputy sheriff or other law enforcement officer of the state or any political subdivision within Riley County, Kansas is hereby ordered to assist in the execution or enforcement of this order.

Section Four. This Order is effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 and shall remain in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded.

Any person violating any provision of this order or failing to comply with any of the above requirements shall be fined, upon conviction, up to \$100 for each offense, pursuant to K.S.A. 65- 127.

This Order shall remain in effect from August 11, 2020 and shall remain in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded in writing, by the Riley County Local Health Officer or the Board of Riley County Commissioners, sitting as the Board of Health.

SO ORDERED, 10th day of August, 2020.


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