



FAQ FOR STAY AT HOME ORDER IN RILEY COUNTY

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HOW LONG WILL THE ORDER BE IN PLACE?

14 days

Order No. 3, the Stay at Home Order, will be effective from Sunday, March 29, 2020 until Sunday, April 12. The order could be extended, or another order could be issued based on the needs of the community.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE LAST ORDER?

Order No. 3 closes more businesses and requires all businesses that remain open to implement the [COVID-19 Response: Best Practices for Riley County Businesses & Employers Open to the Public](#).

Retailers that are not exempt can have access their business to conduct shipping, receiving, and converting/maintain ecommerce.

WHAT IS CLOSED?

PLACES WHERE PEOPLE GATHER:

Clothing and shoe stores, jewelry stores, gift shops, bookstores, furniture stores, home décor, and other similar businesses.

Organized or unorganized gatherings with more than 10 participants on sport fields, courts, trails, golf courses, other public areas are prohibited immediately.

- Bars
- Concerts
- Dining areas in restaurants
- Gyms/Fitness Centers
- Hair/nail/beauty salons and barber shops
- Lobby areas in businesses
- Massage therapy practices
- Movie Theaters
- Pools
- Public playground equipment
- Tattoo shops
- Yoga Studios
- Entertainment businesses, clubhouses, and other similar businesses



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HOW DO I FIND OUT IF A BUSINESS IS EXEMPT?

Check the Governor's list of exemptions in Order NO. 25-15 at: <https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EO-20-15-Executed.pdf>

CAN I GO OUTSIDE, TAKE A WALK OR RUN, WALK MY DOG, SPEND TIME IN A PARK OR TRAIL?

Yes.

It is ok to go outside. All of those activities are allowed under Riley County's Stay at Home Order if you follow the CDC guidance of social distancing.

Use of parks and other public areas are permitted. However, use of playground equipment is prohibited.

Games on sport fields, courts, trails, golf courses, or other public areas with more than 10 people are prohibited immediately.

AS AN ESSENTIAL WORKER, DO I NEED AN OFFICIAL LETTER OR BADGE SHOWING I AM ALLOWED TO GO TO WORK OR BE OUTSIDE MY HOME?

No.

Badges and letters are not needed.

It's not our intent at this time for people to be cited by law enforcement as they move around the county. We want to assume people's good intention that they will follow the order and will be out of their homes for permitted reasons. We do want people to stay at home unless they need to perform an essential service or have a job with an essential service or business that cannot be done from home.

WILL GROCERY STORES AND PHARMACIES STAY OPEN?

Yes.

Grocery stores and pharmacies will stay open now and in the future.

They need to follow guidelines and not allow crowding in stores. [COVID-19 Response: Best Practices for Riley County Businesses & Employers Open to the Public.](#)





WILL LIQUOR STORES STAY OPEN?

Yes.

The same rules for obeying best practices and guidelines apply to all open businesses.

ARE YOU ALLOWED TO DRIVE THROUGH RILEY COUNTY DURING THE STAY AT HOME ORDER?

Yes. There are no restrictions on driving. The order informs people to stay at home unless it's essential to get out.

WHAT TYPE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITY IS ALLOWED? ARE HUNTING AND FISHING ALLOWED?

Outdoor activity is allowed, but you should follow the same social-distancing guidelines, not gathering in any group of more than 10 people and maintaining at least six feet of space between you and another person.

CAN I GO VISIT A FRIEND WHO IS NOT RELYING ON ME FOR ESSENTIAL NEEDS?

No.

Avoid discretionary travel such as social visits. It is ok to help with groceries and other needs for people who depend on you.

WHAT RULES ARE IN PLACE FOR BUSINESSES THAT ARE DEEMED ESSENTIAL AND ARE STILL OPEN DURING THE STAY AT HOME ORDER? HOW WILL THEY MAINTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT?

Essential businesses have new policies to follow under the Stay at Home Order. This includes:

- Designating six-foot spacing for employees and customers in line to maintain appropriate social distance
- Having anti-microbial soap and water or hand sanitizer and hand-sanitizing products available for both employees and customers
- Implementing separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers
- Posting online whether a facility is open or closed, and how best to reach the facility and continue service by phone or remotely



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