



HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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**LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 8 ISSUED MAY 15, 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. 8 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. 8 is necessary to supplement the Governor’s order to control the potential spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) within Riley County, Kansas.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the following actions shall be taken immediately, and this Order No. 8 supersedes my Orders previously issued, with the exception of any continued prohibitions or restrictions ordered herein.

The Governor’s Statewide Stay at Home order was lifted. Actions taken so far have been successful 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. All individuals, personnel, organizations and businesses are ordered to comply with the Governor’s “Ad Astra – A Plan to Reopen Kansas,” Phase 1.5 (See Attachment A), incorporated herein by reference, with the following local restrictions. At each step of the process, actions must be adapted to account for the latest data and the current overall situation at hand.

With full community cooperation, this proactive public health Order No.8 may minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our Riley County community.

Section One: Definitions

- A. For purposes of this Order No. 8, Social Distancing is defined as follows: maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from every other person present at a location, 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 into the hands),

regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

- B. For the purposes of this Order No. 8 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.
- C. For purposes of this Order No. 8, Minimum Basic Operations include the following numbered activities provided employees and/or volunteers comply with Social Distancing requirements while carrying out operations.
 - 1. Activities which maintain the value of a business’s inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or performing related functions;
 - 2. Activities which allow employees and/or volunteers of the business to continue work remotely from their residences;
 - 3. Activities which allow employees and/or volunteers of the business to continue filling online product orders and processing customer orders remotely.

Section Two: Restricted Activities

For purposes of this Order No. 8, individuals are ordered to restrict activities according to the Governor’s “Ad Astra – A Plan to Reopen Kansas,” Phase 1.5,(See Attachment A) . 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.

A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

Those businesses and other locations closed by the Governor’s “Ad Astra – A Plan to Reopen Kansas,” Phase 1.5 (See Attachment A) shall remain closed. Businesses and other locations that are open shall comply with the following additional restrictions:

- 1. Restaurants shall close to the public no later than 10 pm;
- 2. Any businesses or other locations found in non-compliance with the Governor’s order, or a source of significant disease outbreak, or as determined and notified by the Local Public Health Officer shall close;
- 3. Closed businesses and locations may perform Minimum Basic Operations as defined in this Order No. 8.

B. BUSINESSES AND LOCATIONS

For purposes of this Order No. 8, if open to the public, all Businesses and Locations are required to take proactive measures to ensure compliance with Required Business Practices as published by the Centers for Disease Control and industry-specific guidance by trade groups. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to require that any business or location open if they choose not to.

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 Monday, May 18, 2020 and shall remain in effect for 14 days, or 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 this date and shall remain in effect for 14 days, or 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, this 15 day of May, 2020.



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