

**ORDER OF SALINE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

June 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Saline County Public Health Order

REFERENCE: KSA 65-119 and KSA 65-129b

ORDER:

WHEREAS the Local Health Officer is authorized and required, pursuant to KSA 65-119 and KSA 65-129b to immediately exercise and maintain 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 and all infectious or contagious diseases, pursuant to KSA 65-129b; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person-to-person and may result in severe illness or death, has been confirmed in Kansas resulting in severe illness and at least two deaths to date in Saline County, Kansas: and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the borders of Saline County Kansas; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Saline County Health Officer, on June 5th had issued a previous order that placed Saline County into Phase 3 of the Governor's "Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS": and

WHEREAS, Saline County has met key health metrics and other data that allows for the advancement of Saline County into Phase Out.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER, pursuant to the above authorities, that Saline County will advance to Phase Out of the Governor's Ad Astra plan with the following guidance:

1. No restrictions on mass gatherings.
  - a. It is strongly recommended that mass gatherings of all sizes follow social distancing guidelines to the extent possible.
2. Guidance for Individuals: Individuals are strongly encouraged to follow guidance attached to this order.
3. Guidance for Employers/Businesses: Employers and businesses are strongly encouraged to follow guidance attached to this order.
4. Business Restrictions: None
5. This order is in effect beginning on 12:01 AM on June 19th, 2020 until rescinded or superseded.

IT IS BY THE OFFICE OF SALINE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER SO ORDERED ON  
THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020.



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Jason Tiller  
Saline County Health Officer

## **Guidance for Individuals and Employers/Businesses**

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

- a. Individuals are strongly 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. Avoid socializing in person with groups indoors that do not allow for a physical distance of 6-feet or more between individuals or groups with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity (e.g., receptions, trade shows).
- d. All high-risk or vulnerable individuals should continue to exercise caution when leaving their residence.
- e. Non-essential travel may resume but should adhere to CDC and KDHE guidelines regarding isolation or quarantine following travel to high-risk areas.

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

- a. On-site staffing is unrestricted.
- b. Avoid, if possible, gatherings of employees in groups where 6-foot distances between individuals cannot be maintained except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
- c. Attempts should be made to maintain social distancing between employees or use other protective measures as required according to industry-specific guidelines.
- d. Any employees exhibiting symptoms should be required to stay at home and asked to call their health care provider.
- e. Non-essential travel may resume but should adhere to CDC and KDHE guidelines regarding isolation or quarantine following travel to high-risk areas.
- f. Strongly consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of a vulnerable population.