



## Geary County Health Department

1212 West Ash Street  
Junction City, Kansas 66441

### Geary County Public Health Order 20200805

#### "COVID-19 ACCORDS"

To mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Geary 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 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 Geary County Local Health Officer, I have determined this Order is necessary to control the potential spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) within Geary County, Kansas, and to supplement all valid orders of the Governor regarding.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** the following actions shall be taken immediately, and Order 20200805 supersedes my Orders previously issued, with the exception of any continued prohibitions or restrictions ordered herein, and this Order supplements all valid orders of the Governor.

With full community cooperation, this proactive public health Order may minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our Geary County community.

#### Section One: Definitions

1. For purposes of this Order, "*Social Distancing*" is defined as follows: maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from every other person present at a location,
2. For the purposes of this Order, 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 or are family) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
3. For the purpose of this Order, the phrase "*Special Event*" is defined as any event that intends to draw a crowd greater than 100 people and occurs less than 12 times a year.
4. For the purpose of this Order, the phrase "*Close Contact*" is defined as a person who is within six (6) feet for greater than ten (10) minutes of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19; or
  - a. a person who has had physical contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

## **Section Two: Mitigation Activities**

For purposes of this Order, 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.

### **A. MASKS**

1. Each person over two (2) years old, when in Geary County, must:
  - a. Wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when attending any special indoor events or mass gatherings over 50 people; and
  - b. Wear a face covering when attending any outdoor event or mass gathering over 50 people and unable to maintain a distance of six feet from individuals who are not members of their household unless a medical exemption applies.
  - c. Parents and custodians and caregivers must supervise the use of face coverings by children to avoid misuse or unsafe conditions.
  - d. Face coverings are not a replacement for adhering to social distancing and other public health protocols with respect to COVID-19. All individuals must continue to maintain 6 feet or more of distance from other people, wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and stay home when sick.

### **B. MASS GATHERINGS**

1. All large public gatherings of people in the County are prohibited. Large public gatherings are those with more than fifty (50) people in attendance or anticipated to attend, both indoor and outdoor, except for governmental functions, judicial functions, and all deemed essential industries as defined by US Homeland Security.
  - a. More than fifty (50) people are authorized to occupy a building if the proper social distance between all non-cohabitating individuals is followed, and groups do not intermingle.
2. Large venues of more than 2000-person capacity shall remain closed.

### **C. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

Businesses and other locations that are open shall comply with the following additional restrictions. For purposes of this Order, 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" 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. All restaurants and bars shall screen each employee before each shift. This shall include asking about symptoms, travel, contact, and checking temperatures.
2. All bars and all dine-in service shall end at 12:00 a.m., and customers shall clear the premises in such bars and restaurants by 12:30 a.m.

3. Drive-through, delivery, and curbside service at bars and restaurants may continue as allowed.
4. All restaurants and bars are limited to seated areas only. This includes patios.
  - a. Service or consumption of food or drinks at a counter/bar or in standing-only areas is prohibited.
  - b. Consumption of food and beverages shall only take place at a table via seated service.
  - c. 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, barriers such as plexiglass or other partition shall divide booths or tables closer than 6 feet.

#### **D. SPECIAL EVENTS**

Special Events shall comply with the following additional restrictions:

1. The event organizer shall submit a Special Event Notification Form to the Geary County Public Health Department (GCPHD) no later than seven days prior to the start of the event.
  - a. To receive a copy of this form, contact [charles.martinez@gearycounty.org](mailto:charles.martinez@gearycounty.org).
2. The event organizer shall develop an infection control plan with assistance from GCPHD to be approved by the Local Health Officer.
3. Any event found in non-compliance with this Order, or a source of significant disease outbreak, or as determined and notified by the Local Public Health Officer shall close.

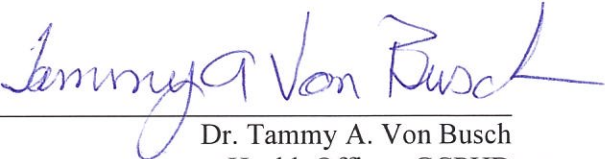
#### **Section Three**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b, any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other law enforcement officer of the state or any political subdivision within Geary 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 Wednesday, August 5th, 2020, and shall remain in effect for 14 days, or until amended, superseded, or rescinded by the Geary County Local Health Officer or the Board of Geary County Commissioners, sitting as the Board of Health

SO ORDERED, 4th day of August 2020.

  
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Dr. Tammy A. Von Busch  
Health Officer, GCPHD

