

Lincoln County Recommendations in following the Phase One order: 05/04/2020

Governor Kelly's Executive Order and Recommendations	Lincoln County Recommendations
<p>General Provisions</p> <p>The previous statewide Stay-at-Home and mass gatherings orders are lifted and mass gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited. Mass gatherings are defined as instances in which individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain 6 feet of distance between individuals (not including individuals who reside together) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.</p> <p>Industries or functions that are already in operation pursuant to KEFF may continue to function while, if possible, avoiding gatherings of more than 10 individuals where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.</p> <p>Any local government that decides to impose equal or more stringent restrictions during this phase is permitted to do so, except with regards to essential functions in KEFF.</p> <p>Any federal restrictions imposed and still in effect must be followed.</p>	<p>Lincoln County is not imposing more stringent restrictions during this phase.</p>
<p>Guidance for Individuals</p> <p>Masks: Individuals are strongly encouraged to wear cloth masks in public settings as appropriate.</p>	<p>Lincoln County encourages this recommendation be followed by the general public.</p> <p>“As we study the virus, CDC has learned that a good proportion of individuals who have COVID-19 spread the virus before they become symptomatic and a few people never have symptoms at all but are still infected and infectious. That means, that people who are not coughing or sneezing can be a source of infection for others. Something simple like speaking is enough to generate aerosols that can spread the infection to other people. A simple cloth mask is a way to contain respiratory secretions right at the source and not put other people at risk. The mask traps the droplets before they spread into the environment. Therefore, “my mask protects you, and your mask protects me!” It’s a way of strengthening the social distancing that we are already doing.” CDC.gov</p>

<p>Outdoor Activities: When in public (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), individuals and family units should consistently maintain 6 feet of distance from others with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.</p>	<p>Lincoln County recommends that parks be open, but playground equipment remain off limits in Phase One. City units of governments will be making these decisions and are encouraged to post signage if they make their own restrictions on basketball courts, tennis courts, Frisbee golf, etc.</p> <p>Lincoln County recommends that citizens bring their own sports equipment and balls when using the facilities.</p>
<p>Social Gatherings: Avoid socializing in person with groups of 10 or more individuals in both indoor and outdoor settings, especially in circumstances 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.</p>	<p>Lincoln County supports this.</p>
<p>High-Risk Individuals*: High-risk individuals are advised to continue to stay home except when conducting essential functions.</p> <p>*High-risk individuals include those with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or otherwise immunocompromised.</p>	<p>Lincoln County encourages this advisement be followed.</p>
<p>Travel: Minimize or eliminate nonessential travel and follow KDHE travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas. Essential travel includes travel for urgent family, medical, and business-related needs as determined by the individual or business.</p>	<p>Lincoln County encourages this recommendation be followed.</p> <p>Travel is not recommended to these Kansas counties: Johnson, Douglas, Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Sedgwick, Finney, Shawnee, Ford, Seward and Lyon.</p> <p>See the attached map of states that KDHE requires a mandatory 14-day quarantine when you return from travel there.</p>
<p>GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYERS</p>	
<p>Telework: Strongly encouraged for all employees when possible.</p>	<p>Lincoln County encourages this recommendation be followed unless it places a burden on the employer.</p>
<p>On-site Operations: Avoid large gatherings of employees of 10 or more where social distancing protocols cannot be maintained except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity and phase in employees on-site as possible while maintaining 6 feet of distance between employee workstations.</p>	<p>Lincoln County supports this. It would be recommended that the employer consider masks for staff that cannot maintain the 6 ft. distancing guidelines. Use of plexiglass “screening” in some businesses will allow for protection and a mask would not be needed.</p>

<p>Potentially Sick Employees: Any employees exhibiting symptoms should be required to stay at home and asked to call their health care provider.</p>	<p>Lincoln County recommends that businesses follow their policy on employee illness unless it is less restrictive than this or you have no policy.</p>
<p>Business Travel: Minimize or eliminate nonessential travel and follow KDHE travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas. Essential travel includes travel for urgent and necessary family, medical, and business-related needs as determined by the individual or business.</p>	<p>Lincoln County encourages this recommendation be followed. Refer to the general travel guidelines on page 2.</p>
<p>Visits to Long-term Care Facilities or Correctional Facilities: In-person visits to these facilities should be prohibited. Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening.</p>	<p>Long term care facilities have their own policies on in-person visits due to State and Federal Guidance and requirements. Lincoln County recommends that their policies are conveyed to families in a timely manner.</p>
<p>BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS Businesses not prohibited MAY OPEN IF:</p>	
<p>They can maintain at least 6 feet of distance between consumers (individuals or groups). Restaurants or dining establishments may meet this requirement by using physical barriers sufficient to prevent virus spread between seated customers or groups of seated customers.</p>	<p>Lincoln County will not impose any stronger restrictions to this order. It is recommended that buffets and salad bars not open in Phase 1. Self-serve beverages and water refill stations will be allowed to re-open. Recommendations encourage employees to hand individual cups, lids, and straws to patrons and follow cleaning guidelines. Refill cups are not recommended for use. Stand-alone self-serve water stations are recommended to provide signage on sanitary guidance for use.</p>
<p>AND fundamental cleaning and public health practices are followed. Businesses should follow industry-specific guidelines as provided on covid.ks.gov. Any additional best practices guidance from each business sector is strongly encouraged.</p>	<p>Lincoln County will not impose any stronger restrictions. See the attached page on resources for industry-specific guidelines.</p>

<p>The following businesses DO NOT OPEN in this phase: Bars and night clubs, excluding already operating curbside and carryout services. Casinos (non-tribal) Theaters, museums, and other indoor leisure spaces (trampoline parks, arcades, etc.) Fitness centers and gyms Nail salons, barber shops, hair salons, tanning salons, tattoo parlors and other personal service businesses where close contact cannot be avoided.</p>	<p>The Lincoln County Health Department will answer questions for these businesses as we are able. 785-524-4406 Please refer to the complete document Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas April 30, 2020. Website: covid.ks.gov *Dance lessons in either owned or rented studio space falls under Fitness centers and gyms.</p>
<p>EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES</p>	
<p>K-12 facilities remain subject to the provisions of EO 20-07 regarding school closures, including the requirement that fewer than 10 students, instructors, or staff be present for normal operations. K-12 facilities should continue to follow the guidelines of the Continuous Learning Plan developed by the Kansas State Department of Education. Districts with facilities in more than one county or city should follow any applicable directives issued by the county and city in which their district office is located.</p>	<p>Lincoln County will not impose any stronger restrictions.</p>
<p>Higher education facilities that are closed before May 4th should remain closed for in person learning or events involving groups of more than 10 individuals present at a time.</p>	<p>Lincoln County will not impose any stronger restrictions.</p>
<p>ACTIVITIES AND VENUES All activities and venues not prohibited MAY OPEN IF:</p>	<p>Lincoln County will not impose any stronger restrictions.</p>
<p>They can maintain at least 6 feet of distance between individuals or groups.</p>	
<p>AND fundamental cleaning and public health practices are followed. Follow industry specific guidelines as provided on covid.ks.gov.</p>	
<p>AND avoid any instances in which more than 10 individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain 6 feet of distance with only</p>	

<p>infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. This does not limit the total occupancy of a facility, but requires that facilities limit mass gatherings in areas and instances in which physical distancing cannot be maintained such as in entrances, lobbies, locker rooms, etc.</p>	
<p>The following activities and venues DO NOT OPEN in this phase: Outdoor and indoor large entertainment venues with capacity of 2,000 or more Fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, and graduations Swimming pools (other than backyard pools) Organized sports facilities and tournaments Summer camps</p>	<p>The Lincoln County Health Department will answer questions for these businesses as we are able. 785-524-4406 Please refer to the complete document Ad Astra: A Plan To Reopen Kansas April 30, 2020. Website: covid.ks.gov</p> <p>Community centers: a building or group of buildings for a community's educational and recreational activities. (Merriam-Webster) This could include: Vesper Community Center, Barnard Community Center, Beverly Hall, Senior Centers, Lions Club Building, etc. Would not include spaces that are deemed “meeting rooms” with less than 10 people.</p>

This document was constructed by the Lincoln County Public Health Officer, Ladonna Reinert, and reviewed, corrected and approved by the Covid-19 EOC Briefing for Emergency Support Functions . See the attached list of representatives.

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Signatures of support are requested.

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