

# Rice County Plan for Re-Opening

## PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

This document has been prepared to offer guidance on a safe, stepwise reopening of Rice County. We must continue to take measures to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable residents and continue to ensure our healthcare resources are not overburdened. To do this, the Rice County Health Department, the County Health Officer, and the Rice County Health Department Medical Director have developed four “phases,” each representing a distinct level of guidance to reduce transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

We understand that restarting economic activity is one of our county’s priorities along with keeping our community safe. This is a critical time to be thoughtful and careful about reopening Rice County. We do not want to have to return to a “Stay at Home” order and believe that a safe, stepwise approach will allow Rice County to accomplish this goal.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO BE FOLLOWED THROUGH EACH PHASE

- State restrictions must permit the actions included in each phase.
- To move from one phase to the next, all the following criteria must be met:
  - Local indicators must show decreasing or stable transmission or an increase consistent with the state’s epidemiological rate for at least 14 days before the beginning date of the next phase.
  - Sufficient testing must be available.
  - Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment must be available.
  - Hospitals must have the capacity to treat an increased number of COVID-19 patients requiring hospitalization.
  - The public health system must be able to promptly identify and isolate infected individuals and identify and quarantine necessary contacts.
- When appropriate, staying home is recommended.
- Work remotely if possible.
- Social distancing measures should continue to be followed:
  - Stay 6 feet away from others.
  - Interact only with people of the same household when possible.
- Limit non-essential travel.
- Masks should be worn in all public places. **In addition, all employees of businesses should wear masks when within 6 feet of a customer or client.**
- Practice good hand hygiene by washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer frequently.
- Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose, or eyes.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, chills, aches, fatigue, loss of smell or taste, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea.
- Businesses, organizations, or facilities may have stricter regulations than what are listed below but may not have less strict regulations.
- Vulnerable/High risk individuals and senior citizens should stay home as much as possible. They should stay in contact with their health care provider. They should not congregate with others who are not members of their immediate household.
- The reason for keeping a log of visitors or customers is to aid in contact tracing. Information should include date, name, phone number, and email address.

	<b>NOW—Phase 1</b>	<b>Phase 1.5—May 18, Earliest possible date</b>
<b>Mass Gatherings Limitations</b>	10 or less	10 or less
<b>Essential Businesses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen workers for fevers and any symptoms of COVID with a questionnaire at workplace entrance</li> <li>• Employees exhibiting symptoms should be required to stay home</li> <li>• Employees strongly encouraged to wear masks at all times unless prohibited by other safety equipment</li> <li>• Move workspaces 6 feet apart</li> <li>• Stagger work shifts and keep work cohorts consistent</li> <li>• Common areas, such as breakrooms and lobbies, should be closed</li> <li>• Telecommuting/Working from home should be maximized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen workers for fevers and any symptoms of COVID with a questionnaire at workplace entrance</li> <li>• Employees exhibiting symptoms should be required to stay home</li> <li>• Employees strongly encouraged to wear masks at all times unless prohibited by other safety equipment</li> <li>• Move workspaces 6 feet apart</li> <li>• Stagger work shifts and keep work cohorts consistent</li> <li>• Common areas, such as breakrooms and lobbies, should be closed</li> <li>• Telecommuting/Working from home should be maximized</li> </ul>
<b>Bars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery and take-out/curbside service only</li> <li>• Beverages not in their original container (ex. fountain drinks and coffee) must be served by an employee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bars can continue operating curbside and carryout services</li> <li>• In-restaurant dining is allowed and must adhere to social distancing guidelines</li> <li>• Reservations are encouraged</li> <li>• Self-serve beverages are allowed IF a clean, disposable cup is used each time a beverage is poured.</li> </ul>
<b>Restaurants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside pickup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must maintain at least 6 feet of distance between tables (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.</li> <li>• Buffets and salad bars are allowed IF they can be monitored by a restaurant employee. Customers (including self-serve food at convenience stores) will be given a food-grade glove to wear on their serving hand. After serving food onto a plate or container, the glove will be disposed of and a new one used if the customer returns to the food line.</li> <li>• Masks must be worn at all times.</li> </ul>
<b>Retail Businesses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit the number of customers in the store at any given time to 5 customers for each 1000 square feet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit the number of customers in the store at any given time to 5 customers for each 1000 square feet</li> </ul>

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<b>Long-term care facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain social distancing as much as possible</li> <li>• Adjust the layout of common areas including dining facilities to maintain 6 feet between residents</li> <li>• Perform enhanced cleanings daily</li> <li>• Screen workers for fevers and any symptoms of COVID</li> <li>• Staff should wear masks at all times</li> <li>• No outside visitors allowed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain social distancing as much as possible</li> <li>• Adjust the layout of common areas including dining facilities to maintain 6 feet between residents</li> <li>• Perform enhanced cleanings daily</li> <li>• Screen workers for fevers and any symptoms of COVID</li> <li>• Staff should wear masks at all times</li> <li>• No outside visitors allowed</li> </ul>
<b>Childcare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare facilities must adhere to KDHE guidelines</li> <li>• Outdoor activities are encouraged; use of commonly touched items such as playground equipment, toys, and sports equipment are discouraged.</li> <li>• Perform enhanced cleanings daily</li> <li>• Children should be cared for in rooms of 10 or less with the same caregiver each day, placed into cohorts so that the same children are in the same room each day.</li> <li>• Screen workers and children for fevers and any symptoms of COVID with a questionnaire at facility entrance</li> <li>• Parents and caregivers should not enter the facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare facilities must adhere to KDHE guidelines</li> <li>• Outdoor activities are encouraged.</li> <li>• Perform enhanced cleanings daily</li> <li>• Children should be cared for in rooms of 10 or less with the same caregiver each day placed into cohorts so that the same children are in the same room each day.</li> <li>• Screen workers and children for fevers and any symptoms of COVID with a questionnaire at facility entrance</li> <li>• Parents and caregivers should not enter the facility</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not allowed per state guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services may be provided by appointment only</li> </ul>

<b>(salons, barber shops, pet grooming)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both service provider and customer must wear masks</li> <li>• The business must keep a record of all customers</li> <li>• Appointments must be spaced so that there is adequate time to clean thoroughly between customers</li> <li>• One customer is allowed per service provider in the business at any given time.</li> <li>• Customers must be screened for fever and symptoms of COVID.</li> </ul>
<b>Religious Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious services should adhere to mass gatherings and social distancing guidelines</li> <li>• Parking lot services should follow established guidelines</li> <li>• Churches are encouraged to use online, radio, or other telecommunications tools whenever possible to conduct services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious services should adhere to mass gatherings and social distancing guidelines</li> <li>• Parking lot services should follow established guidelines</li> <li>• Churches are encouraged to use online, radio, or other telecommunications tools whenever possible to conduct services</li> </ul>
<b>Recreation Commission Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not allowed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized sports are not allowed.</li> <li>• Tournaments are not allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>Parks, Public Spaces, and Playground Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and public spaces are open, but use of playground equipment and picnic tables is prohibited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and public spaces are open. Playground equipment may be used, but parents and guardians must be aware that these will not be cleaned/disinfected to keep them safe. Children should use the equipment in family groups. Mass gathering numbers apply.</li> </ul>
<b>Gyms and Fitness Centers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not allowed per state guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gyms/Fitness centers may open.</li> <li>• No in-person group classes</li> <li>• Locker rooms remain closed except for use of restrooms</li> </ul>
<b>Public Swimming Pools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed</li> </ul>
<b>Real Estate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual showings are allowed</li> <li>• No open houses</li> <li>• All parties should wear a mask in public</li> <li>• Maintain 6-foot distancing from others at all times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual showings are allowed</li> <li>• No open houses</li> <li>• All parties should wear a mask in public</li> <li>• Maintain 6-foot distancing from others at all times</li> </ul>
<b>Community Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not allowed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not allowed. Do not open community centers; indoor or outdoor venues with capacity of 2,000 or more; fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, and graduations.</li> </ul>

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<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per KSDE and school district</li> </ul>	<p>K-12 subject to provisions of EO-20-07 regarding school closures; fewer than 10 students, instructors or staff present for normal operations. Follow guidelines of Continuous Learning Plan developed by KSDE.</p> <p>Higher ed facilities that are closed before May 4 should remain closed for in-person learning or events involving groups of &gt;10 individuals</p>
<b>Medical Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per hospital/clinic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per hospital/clinic; may begin to reschedule non-emergent medical care.</li> </ul>
<b>Travel</b>	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.	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.
<b>Graduations</b>	Not allowed	In-person commencement or graduation ceremonies may occur with no more than 10 individuals in a room, gymnasium, or facility at one time so long as 6-foot social distancing is maintained. Outdoor drive-through graduation ceremonies during which no more than 10 individuals are in the same area outside of their vehicles at a time (i.e. school administration, graduate, family members, etc.) are allowed.

American Enterprise Institute. National coronavirus response: A road map to reopening. <https://www.aei.org/research-products/report/national-coronavirus-response-a-road-map-to-reopening/>

Opening Up America Again. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

The Kansas Chamber's Relief and Recovery Agenda. <http://www.kansaschamber.org/relief-and-recovery-agenda/>



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