

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

- Local 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 for healthcare workers.
 - 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. Remain home if you feel sick.
- Social distancing measures should continue to be followed:
 - Stay 6 feet away from others.
 - Interact only with people of the same household when possible.
- Masks **may** be worn in public places. CDC continues to recommend the wearing of face masks in public, but it is not **required**. 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 those 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 voluntary log of visitors or customers is to aid in contact tracing. Information should include date, name, phone number, and email address.

	Currently—Phase 3	Phase Out—begins June 12
Mass Gatherings Limitations	Mass gatherings of no more than 90 individuals allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain social distance where applicable with only infrequent incidental moments of closer proximity. • Remain home if you feel sick. • Voluntary logging of participants(see above).
Essential Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers may begin reducing telework and start bringing employees back to work in an office setting. • Maintain 6 feet of distance between employee workstations. • An employee who feels sick should be required to remain home and call their healthcare provider. • Business travel: engage in nonessential travel but follow KDHE travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas. • Businesses or functions that are already in operation pursuant to the Kansas Essential Functions Framework (KEFF) may continue to function while, if possible, avoiding gatherings of more than 45 individuals where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All businesses and activities should follow social distancing guidelines and institute appropriate public health measures. • Local governments and businesses retain authority to impose equal or more stringent restrictions during this phase, except as to essential functions in KEFF. • Screen employees for fevers and/or illness at workplace entrance.
Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating with social distancing and/or barriers is allowed • Self-serve beverages are allowed IF a clean, disposable cup is used each time a beverage is poured. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing should be maintained
Restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curbside pickup or dining-in for restaurants. • Seating with social distancing and/or barriers is allowed • Reservations are encouraged • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing should be maintained
Retail Businesses	<p>Limit the number of customers in the store at any given time to 5 customers for each 1000 square feet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the store reaches its capacity, customers should be admitted on a “1-out-1-in” basis • Provide shopping cart sanitation supplies • Maintain social distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All businesses and activities should follow mass gatherings guidelines and institute appropriate public health measures. • Shopping cart sanitation supplies highly recommended • Local governments retain authority to impose equal or more stringent restrictions during this phase, except as to essential functions in KEFF.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer should be readily available throughout the premises • Marks should be applied to the floor in the area adjacent to each cash register to indicate where to wait for check out • Plexiglass or glass barriers should be installed at checkout lanes <p>Enhanced cleaning should be done throughout the workday</p>	
Long-term care facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person visits to these facilities may be gradually reinstated. • Screening measures for all visitors should be continued. • Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KDADS guidelines will be released and added to this section.
Childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare facilities must adhere to KDHE guidelines • Outdoor activities are encouraged. • Perform enhanced cleanings daily • Children should be cared for in rooms of 15 or less with the same caregiver each day placed into cohorts so that the same children are in the same room each day. • Screen workers and children for fevers and any symptoms of COVID with a questionnaire at facility entrance • Parents and caregivers should not enter the facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare facilities must adhere to KDHE guidelines • Outdoor activities are encouraged. • Perform enhanced cleanings daily • Facilities may require stricter guidelines than KDHE, but not more lenient.
Personal Services (salons, barber shops, pet grooming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services may be provided by appointment only • Both service provider and customer must wear masks • The business should keep a record of all customers • Appointments must be spaced so that there is adequate time to clean thoroughly between customers • One customer is allowed per service provider in the business at any given time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both service provider and customer should wear masks
Religious Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious services should adhere to mass gathering and social distancing guidelines • Parking lot services should follow established guidelines • Churches are encouraged to use online, radio or other telecommunications tools whenever possible to conduct services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing remains in place
Recreation Commission Activities	<p>Organized Sports Facilities, Games, Practice: Non-professional organized sports facilities, games, and practices may operate as long as they follow outlined mass gathering and social distancing guidelines AND follow guidelines established by the Kansas Recreation and Park Association posted on covid.ks.gov.</p>	<p>Organized Sports Facilities, Games, Practice: Non-professional organized sports facilities, games, and practices may operate as long as they follow outlined mass gathering and social distancing guidelines AND follow guidelines established by the Kansas Recreation and Park Association posted on covid.ks.gov.</p>

Parks, Public Spaces, and Playground Equipment	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks, playgrounds, and public spaces are open. • Maintain social distancing
Gyms and Fitness Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyms/Fitness centers may open. • In-person classes can meet with 15 or less in the class • Locker rooms remain closed except for use of restrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing remains in place
Public Swimming Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor and outdoor pools closed until June 15. On June 15 public pools may open adhering to mass gathering limit of 90 people per swimming session, not including employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor and outdoor pools closed until June 15. On June 15 public pools may open adhering to social distancing
Real Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual showings are allowed • Maintain 6-foot distancing from others at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open houses are allowed • Maintain social distancing
Community Centers and Community Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centers may open as long as they follow the mass gathering and social distancing restrictions outlined in Executive Order 20-34. • Do not open community centers or indoor or outdoor venues with a capacity of 2,000 or more. No fairs, festivals, carnivals, or parades. • No summer camps unless associated with a daycare center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing recommended
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 subject to provisions of EO-20-07 regarding school closures; fewer than 45 students, instructors or staff may be present for normal operations. Follow guidelines of Continuous Learning Plan developed by KSDE. • Higher ed facilities that are closed before 5/4 should remain closed for in-person learning or events involving groups of >45 individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per KSDE and each school district
Medical Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per hospital/clinic • May begin to reschedule non-emergent medical care as staff and resources allow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per hospital/clinic
Travel	Minimize or eliminate nonessential travel and follow KDHE travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas. Essential travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some travel restrictions are still in place for Kansas. See covid.ks.gov for current list

	includes travel for urgent family, medical, and business-related needs as determined by the individual or business.	
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