

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
LHO 8/13/20

This Emergency Public Health Order is issued to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in Wyandotte County, Kansas, 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 or regulations.

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer is authorized and required, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119 and K.S.A. 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, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in Kansas and in Wyandotte County, resulting in serious illness and at least 4,915 confirmed or probable cases, and 99 deaths to date in Wyandotte County alone; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting epidemic in Kansas and Wyandotte County continue to threaten the life and health of our citizens and visitors as well as the economy and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government, the State of Kansas and the Unified Government of Kansas City/Wyandotte County, Kansas have all entered declarations that a disaster had occurred, acknowledging the threat within Wyandotte County, Kansas as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the confirmed outbreak and person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the United States, State of Kansas and Wyandotte County; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer has entered various Orders restricting public gatherings in the County, and restricting the operation of certain businesses and activities, and requiring that residents stay at home, all intended to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Kansas has signed various Executive Orders, among others established a Kansas Essential Function Framework, and *Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS*, all intended to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Kansas has signed Executive Order 20-34 implementing Phase Two of *Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS*, effective 12:00 a.m. on May 22, 2020; said requirements were classified as only guidance on May 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer entered LHO 4/21/20 adopting a formal framework known as *RESTART WYCO!* to secure the health, safety, and economic well-being of Wyandotte County residents and businesses, and as direction and guidance for residents and businesses based upon the conditions which exist in Wyandotte County at various times; and

WHEREAS, *RESTART WYCO!* outlines the factors to be considered in determining when it is appropriate to change Zones. Such factors include the number of hospitalizations and deaths in Wyandotte

County and surrounding areas and the percentage positive rate of testing, both over a 14- or 7-day period; as well as capacity to test, provide healthcare, and perform contact tracing; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer entered LHO 6/5/20 implementing Phase Three of Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS, effective 12:0a a.m. on June 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Kansas has signed Executive Order 20-52 implementing a mask or face covering requirement in the State of Kansas, effective 12:01 a.m. on July 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer entered LHO 7/6/20 & 7/14/20 adopting, modifying, and mandating Executive Order 20-52 in Wyandotte County; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer entered LHO 7/27/20 prohibiting schools from opening to in-person classes until after Labor Day and requiring masks while inside a school building and outdoors when 6ft distance cannot be maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Local Health Officer, pursuant to the above that:

- The threat of COVID-19 and the steps necessary to prevent its spread vary based upon the locality thereby requiring a specific, measured and phased approach determined by data applicable to Wyandotte County, Kansas.
- A 45-person mass gathering limitation shall apply to all activities and events subject to this order
- This Order is applicable to all public and private schools, including higher education, and nonprofessional sports organizations operating in Wyandotte County, Kansas and mandates the following:
 - Sponsoring competitions in the following sports and activities during the 2020 fall sports season: football, volleyball, soccer, and band are hereby prohibited.
 - Practice and conditioning activities in such sports may proceed in the event 6 feet social distancing can always be continuously maintained between individuals .
 - Practice and conditioning in the winter sports of boys & girls basketball and wrestling are also limited to activities where 6 feet social distancing can always be continuously maintained between individuals.
 - Frequent sanitizing and cleaning of surfaces and shared equipment is required
 - Sports or activities during the 2020 fall sports season such as debate, speech, tennis, gymnastics, golf, cross country, or other non-contact spirit activity are allowed provided they must adhere to the guidelines in the KSHSAA Activity Specific Risk Management Considerations manual.
 - Masks *must* always be worn by athletes and coaches indoors; and outdoors during practice or competition when 6 ft distance cannot be continuously maintained.
 - All schools and nonprofessional sports organizations visiting Wyandotte County for competition must strictly adhere to all Wyandotte County Local Health Officer Orders.
 - It is the responsibility of the host school or nonprofessional sports organization to inform the visiting team of this and all related Local Health Officer Orders.
 - Nonparticipating individuals attending indoor practices or competitions must adhere to social distance practices and mask wearing mandates for indoor functions.
 - Nonparticipating individuals attending outdoor practices and competition, must wear masks in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- This Order becomes effective at 12:01am **August 14, 2020** and remains in effect until conditions in Wyandotte County are such to warrant a change or modification.

- This Order may be supplemented or modified as required for the effective and efficient management and control of the Coronavirus epidemic in the County by further order or direction of the Wyandotte County Board of Public Health or by the Wyandotte County Local Health Officer, as applicable.
- Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b, any sheriff, deputy sheriff or other law enforcement officer of any political subdivision within Wyandotte County, Kansas is hereby ordered to assist in the execution or enforcement of this Order, as amended or modified, as well as all other orders of the Local Health Officer not otherwise rescinded or superseded.
- Violation of this Order is a violation of Ordinance 17-7 and is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 and a 30-day jail sentence.
- This Order shall be known and referred to as LHO 8/13/20.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Allen Greiner M.D." with a small "M.D." to the right of the name.

Dr. K. Allen Greiner M.D.
Local Health Officer
Wyandotte County, Kansas