

# Rice County Plan for Re-Opening

## PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

As we approach the final days of Kansas's "Stay Home" order, 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.
- 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.
- 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 must include date, name, phone number, and email address.

	<b>NOW</b>	<b>Phase 1 – May 4, 2020</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>• 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>
<b>Restaurants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside pickup only</li> </ul>	<p>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. Groups of 10 allowed if everyone lives in the same house. Buffets and self-serve items and beverages are not allowed.</p>
<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> <li>• If the store reaches its capacity, customers should be admitted on a “1-out-1-in” basis</li> <li>• Provide shopping cart sanitation supplies</li> <li>• Maintain social distancing</li> <li>• Consider 1-way flow of movement through store indicated by floor marks</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> <li>• If the store reaches its capacity, customers should be admitted on a “1-out-1-in” basis</li> <li>• Provide shopping cart sanitation supplies</li> <li>• Maintain social distancing</li> <li>• Consider 1-way flow of movement through store indicated by floor marks</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees must wear masks at all times</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer should be readily available throughout the premises</li> <li>• Marks should be applied to the floor in the area adjacent to each cash register to indicate where to wait for check out</li> <li>• Plexiglass or glass barriers should be installed at checkout lanes</li> <li>• Enhanced cleaning should be done throughout the workday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees must wear masks at all times</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer should be readily available throughout the premises</li> <li>• Marks should be applied to the floor in the area adjacent to each cash register to indicate where to wait for check out</li> <li>• Plexiglass or glass barriers should be installed at checkout lanes</li> <li>• Enhanced cleaning should be done throughout the workday</li> </ul>
<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 is 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; use of commonly touched items such as playground equipment, toys, and sports equipment is 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>
<b>Personal Services (salons, barber shops, pet grooming)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not allowed per state guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not allowed to open: nail salons, barber shops, hair salons, tanning salons, tattoo parlors and other personal service businesses where close contact cannot be avoided.</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious services should adhere to mass gatherings and social distancing guidelines</li> </ul>

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<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 and 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, but use of playground equipment and picnic tables is prohibited</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 not open.</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. No organized sports facilities and tournaments. No summer camps.</li> </ul>
<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 close 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.
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