

# **Harvey County Health Reopening Plan**

(Steps for Reducing COVID-19 Restrictions)

As of May 1, 2020

Please note this is a living document. Each phase should be considered a draft until the actual phase requirements are met and each individual phase can be officially implemented.

**Situation:** The CDC, State of Kansas, and Harvey County are closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus named 2019-nCoV. Stay At Home orders were issued by Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-16 and implemented on March 30, 2020. A follow up order extended the Stay At Home Order until May 3, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this plan is to provide guidance for citizens, businesses, and partner organizations in Harvey County. This is only a guide and no timeframe indicated in this document should be taken as definitive until put in place by an Executive Order of the Kansas Governor, or an Emergency Order of the Harvey County Local Health Officer

**Scope and focus:** This document is only applicable to Harvey County. Real time assessments and decisions will be made as this plan is implemented. Further, those decisions will be based on the data gathered from KDHE, our local hospital and providers, the Harvey County Health Department, emergency management and other applicable resources. The focus of this plan is to provide the public a safe environment while continuing to examine and investigate any future potential spread of the COVID-19 virus in Harvey County.

Resources are anticipated to remain at or near critical levels. To ensure all involved partners have adequate resources, it is imperative we prepare for the potential of a surge in patients – and from that, the possibility of multiple casualties – as we implement the phases of this plan.

**Assumptions:** This plan was developed with the following assumptions.

- Social distancing recommendations will be strictly adhered to.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of areas will be routinely done.
- Any adjustments will be communicated quickly in the community and partners will aid with compliance.

Thank you in advance for your assistance to safely getting our community “back up and running”. This is a delicate balance and communication and cooperation is required to be successful.

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## **Gating Criteria** (Criteria to be in place prior to moving into next phase)

- *Disease Spread* – Stable or declining over a 14-day period. (Rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population)
- *Hospitals* – Decreasing number of new COVID-19 admissions. (Stable (flat) or a downward trajectory of the COVID-19 in-patient counts within a 14-day period)
- *Deaths* – Decreasing number of deaths. (Downward trajectory of COVID-19 deaths within a 14-day period)
- *Governor's Continuing Commitment to Kansas Communities* – Governor continues to follow through with her commitments outlined in Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas.

## **Reverting to Previous Phases**

In the event an increase in cases occurs or the cases increase at a rate that the gating criteria are no longer being met, action will be taken as deemed necessary in response to the changes.

## **Stay-At-Home**

- **Time Period**
  - Current Phase
- **General Principles**
  - Restrictions to physical contact are necessary to prevent the health care and public health systems from being overwhelmed by a fast-spreading disease.
  - Only businesses deemed essential under the Kansas Essential Functions Framework (see the Kansas Governor's Executive Order 20-16) can operate, and are subject to restrictions.
  - People are ordered to stay safe at home, and they only leave their homes to address essential needs or functions.
  - Social distancing (maintaining a six-foot distance between individuals) is required.
  - Citizens are strongly encouraged to wear masks in public places.
- **Actions**
  - State or Local Stay-At-Home Order
  - Mass gatherings limited to 10 or less
    - A “mass gathering” means any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening that will bring together or is likely to bring together more than 10 people in a confined or enclosed space at the same time.
- **Specific Guidance**
  - The following activities or facilities, which relate to critical public health, safety, and other infrastructure functions are exempt from the mass gathering limit:
    - Operations or facilities of the United States Government
    - Gathering as a family privately

- Airports
- Public, private, or charter schools for instructional purposes, for non-instructional purposes – such as medication pickup, childcare services, providing meals – and when operating as polling places
- Childcare locations (including those that operate within a facility that is otherwise subject to the prohibitions listed herein), residential care centers, and group homes
- Hotels and motels, as long as the restaurant and bar guidelines, listed below are followed
- Military and National Guard facilities
- Law enforcement, jail, or correctional facilities, including any facility operated by the Department of Corrections
- Any facility being used as part of a government or community response to a natural disaster
- Food pantries and shelter facilities, including day centers, for individuals and families
- Detoxification centers
- Apartment or other multi-family residential buildings, except that any onsite conference rooms, health and fitness centers, and licensed pools are not exempt
- Retail establishments where large numbers of people are present but only under the following conditions:
  - Customers and employees maintain a six-foot distance from other individuals, and
  - Customers and employees of the retail establishment are performing essential activities or functions as defined in the State or Local Stay-At-Home Order
- Hospitals, medical facilities, and pharmacies
- Long-term care and assisted living facilities, as long the facility follows all current Department of Health Services Recommendations for Prevention of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Senior Centers, but only for the service of meals and only if requirements listed below are followed:
  - Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between individuals, and
  - Cease self-service of unpackaged food and beverages, such as in salad bars, buffets, or beverage stations
- Restaurants and bars, but only if the requirements listed below are followed:
  - Takeout or delivery service only, no dine-in service
  - Preserve social distancing for those utilizing takeout services
  - Cease self-service of unpackaged food or beverages, such as in salad bars, buffets, or beverage stations
  - No more than 10 customers may be in the building at the same time and those customers must maintain a six-foot distance from other individuals

- Retail food establishments (grocery stores, convenience stores, farmer's markets) as long as employees and customers maintain a six-foot distance from other individuals
  - Office spaces and government service centers
  - Manufacturing, processing, distribution, and production facilities
  - Public transportation
  - Utility facilities
  - Job centers
  - Facilities operated by state and municipal courts
  - With regard to weddings, funerals and memorial services, the 10 person restriction does not apply to employees or military service members gathered to conduct the service, but the number of other attendees – including friends and family – must not exceed ten.
  - While churches and religious gatherings are exempt from gathering limits, they are strongly recommended and encouraged to gather with the utmost caution and with social distancing measures in place, as these events may endanger People at a Higher Risk for Severe Illness, which are defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as individuals 65 years and older, individuals with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or are otherwise immunocompromised. Medical data has also shown that gatherings of these types are susceptible to clusters of cases, putting multiple people at risk for infections.
- **Criteria to move to Phase 1**
  - Gating criteria must continually be met.
  - Local health care system is expected to be able to cope with possible increase in COVID-19 patients.
  - Public health system is expected to be able to promptly identify and isolate infected individuals and identify and quarantine their contacts.

## **Phase 1**

- **Time Period**
  - Earliest implementation is May 4, 2020
  - Minimum duration is 14 days
- **General Principles**
  - See Phase 1 of Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas
- **Local Restrictions beyond Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas**
  - High-Risk Individuals
    - In addition to including those individuals with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or otherwise immunocompromised, High-Risk Individuals include adults 65 years and older, as defined by the CDC.
  - Visits to Long-Term Care Facilities or Correctional Facilities
    - In-person visits to these facilities shall be prohibited. Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening.

- **Criteria to move to Phase 2**
  - Gating criteria must continually be met.
  - Local indicators of infection spread show stable or decreasing community transmission.
  - Clusters of cases are promptly identified and contained and do not spread to the community.
  - Health care and public health systems can handle volume of cases.

## **Phase 2**

- **Time Period**
  - Earliest implementation is May 18, 2020
  - Minimum duration is 14 days
- **General Principles**
  - See Phase 2 of Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas
- **Local Restrictions beyond Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas**
  - High-Risk Individuals
    - In addition to including those individuals with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or otherwise immunocompromised, High Risk Individuals include adults 65 years and older, as defined by the CDC.
  - Visits to Long-Term Care Facilities
    - In-person visits to these facilities shall be prohibited. Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening.
- **Criteria to move to Phase 3**
  - Gating criteria must continually be met.
  - Local indicators of infection spread show stable or decreasing community transmission.
  - Clusters of cases are promptly identified and contained and do not spread to the community.
  - Health care and public health systems can handle volume of cases.

## **Phase 3**

- **Time Period**
  - Earliest implementation is June 1, 2020
  - Minimum duration is 14 days
- **General Principles**
  - See Phase 3 of Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas
- **Local Restrictions beyond Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas**
  - High-Risk Individuals
    - In addition to including those individuals with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or otherwise

immunocompromised, High Risk Individuals include adults 65 years and older, as defined by the CDC.

- Visits to Long-Term Care Facilities
  - In-person visits to these facilities shall be prohibited. Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening.
- **Criteria to move to Phase Out**
  - Gating criteria must continually be met.
  - Local indicators of infection spread show stable or decreasing community transmission.
  - Clusters of cases are promptly identified and contained and do not spread to the community.
  - Health care and public health systems can handle volume of cases.

## **Phase Out**

- **Time Period**
  - Earliest implementation is June 15, 2020
- **General Principles**
  - See Phase Out of Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas
- **Local Restrictions beyond Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas**
  - High-Risk Individuals
    - In addition to including those individuals with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or otherwise immunocompromised, High Risk Individuals include adults 65 years and older, as defined by the Center for Disease Control.
  - Visits to Long-Term Care Facilities
    - In-person visits to these facilities may be gradually reinstated. Screening measures for all visitors are strongly encouraged to be continued. Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening.