



**Geary County  
Health Department**  
1212 West Ash Street  
Junction City, Kansas 66441

## **Geary County Public Health Order 20200609**

### **"COVID-19 ACCORDS"**

To mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Geary County, Kansas, and 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 and regulations, this Order is issued. In my capacity as the Local Health Officer, I am authorized and required to immediately exercise and maintain supervision over known or suspected cases of any infectious or contagious disease and to issue orders seeing that all such cases are properly handled and that the provisions of the Kansas public health laws regarding isolation, quarantine, and disinfection are duly enforced.

As the Local Health Officer appointed by the Board of Health, I am duly authorized to prohibit public gatherings and take other measures necessary for the control of any and all infectious or contagious diseases.

In my capacity as the Geary County Local Health Officer, I have determined this Order is necessary to control the potential spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) within Geary County, Kansas, and to supplement all valid orders of the Governor regarding.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** the following actions shall be taken immediately, and Order 20200609 supersedes my Orders previously issued, with the exception of any continued prohibitions or restrictions ordered herein, and this Order supplements all valid orders of the Governor.

The Governor's Statewide Stay at Home order was lifted. Actions taken so far have been successful in flattening the epidemic curve to prevent overwhelming our local health care system's ability to care for the number of residents who might develop severe symptoms.

With full community cooperation, this proactive public health Order may minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our Geary County community.

#### **Section One: Definitions**

For purposes of this Order, Social Distancing is defined as follows: maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from every other person present at a location, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible (or using hand sanitizer), covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not into the hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

- A. For the purposes of this Order the phrase "public or mass gathering" is defined as any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening in which individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance between individuals (not including individuals who reside together or are family) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
- B. For the purpose of this Order, the phrase "special event" is defined as any event that intends to draw a crowd greater than 100 people and occurs less than 12 times a year.

## **Section Two: Restricted Activities**

For purposes of this Order, individuals are ordered to restrict activities based upon my authority as the Local Health Officer. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence except as necessary to seek medical care.

### **A. MASS GATHERINGS**

- 1. Mass gatherings of greater than 50 individuals that cannot properly social distance are prohibited.

### **B. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

Businesses and other locations that are open shall comply with the following additional restrictions:

- 1. Restaurants and bars shall exercise proper social distancing.
- 2. Any businesses or other locations found in non-compliance with this Order, or a source of significant disease outbreak, or as determined and notified by the Local Public Health Officer shall close.

### **C. BUSINESSES AND LOCATIONS**

For purposes of this Order, all businesses and locations are required to take proactive measures to ensure compliance with Recommended Business Practices as published by the Centers for Disease Control and industry-specific guidance by trade groups. Nothing in this Order shall be interpreted to require that any business or location open if they choose not to.

**D. SPECIAL EVENTS**

Special Events shall comply with the following additional restrictions

1. The event organizer shall submit a Special Event Notification Form to the Geary County Public Health Department (GCPHD) no later than seven days prior to the start of the event.
  - a. To receive a copy of this form, contact [charles.martinez@gearycounty.org](mailto:charles.martinez@gearycounty.org).
2. The event organizer shall develop an infection control plan with assistance from GCPHD to be approved by the Local Health Officer.
3. Any event found in non-compliance with this Order, or a source of significant disease outbreak, or as determined and notified by the Local Public Health Officer shall close.

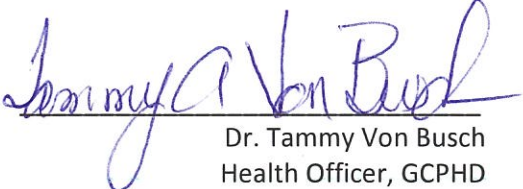
**Section Three.** Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b, any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other law enforcement officer of the state or any political subdivision within Geary County, Kansas is hereby ordered to assist in the execution or enforcement of this Order.

**Section Four.** This Order is effective at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and shall remain in effect for 14 days, or until amended, superseded, or rescinded.

Any person violating any provision of this Order or failing to comply with any of the above requirements shall be fined, upon conviction, up to \$100 for each offense, pursuant to K.S.A. 65- 127.

This Order shall become effective June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and shall remain in effect for 14 days, or until amended, superseded, or rescinded in writing by the Geary County Local Health Officer or the Board of Geary County Commissioners, sitting as the Board of Health.

SO ORDERED, 9th day of June 2020.

  
Dr. Tammy Von Busch  
Health Officer, GCPHD