



# Reopening Johnson County

Promoting economic recovery,  
health and safety

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## Johnson County Guidance Plan for a Reopened Economy

The Johnson County Board of County Commissioners and the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment **strongly recommend** that Johnson County residents and businesses continue to adhere to the *Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas* recommendations. By not placing county orders ourselves, we are relying on Johnson County residents and businesses to demonstrate responsibility, without enforcement, and exercise caution and consideration.

In addition, the BOCC has approved the following expectations for Johnson County businesses and residents from May 28, 2020, through June 11, 2020, now that all businesses have been allowed to reopen.

Expectations for individuals	Expectations for businesses	Expectations for employers	Expectations for educational facilities
No mass gatherings over 45	All open	Can begin reducing telework	K-12 facilities follow the Continuous Learning Plan
Barrier masks	Follow public health guidelines	Avoid groups of more than 45 employees in one location closer than 6 ft.	Multiple jurisdictions - follow directives for district office jurisdiction
6 ft physical distancing	6 ft physical distancing	Maintain 6 ft between workstations	Higher ed- remain closed for in-person learning
Special concern if high-risk	KDHE cleaning practices	Sick employees should stay home	Higher ed - limit events to 45 people
Personal hygiene	Avoid groups of more than 45 in one location closer than 6 ft	Sick employees should call health care provider	Childcare facilities follow state and local regulations
Stay home if sick	Restaurants maintain 6 ft physical distance between tables or use barriers	Follow KDHE guidelines for work travel to high risk areas	
Follow travel guidelines	Religious institutions/ activities exempt, use physical distancing		

## EXPECTATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS

- Avoid socializing in person with groups of more than 45 individuals in both indoor and outdoor settings, especially in circumstances that do not allow for a physical distance of 6 feet or more between individuals or groups with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity (e.g. receptions, trade shows).
- We strongly encourage individuals to wear barrier masks in public settings, as appropriate.
- When in public (e.g. parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), individuals (not including individuals who reside together) should maintain 6 feet of distance from others with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity
- High-risk individuals may resume public interactions but should practice physical distancing and minimize exposure to large social settings when precautionary measures may be difficult.
- Adhere to personal hygiene guidelines.
- Remain home if you feel sick.
- Engage in nonessential travel but follow KDHE travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR BUSINESSES

- All education, activities, venues and establishments may operate and should follow all public health guidelines.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between consumers (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.
- Follow fundamental cleaning and public health practices as designated by KDHE. Businesses should follow industry specific guidelines as outlined on [covid.ks.gov](https://covid.ks.gov). Following additional best practices guidance from each business sector are strongly encouraged.
- Avoid any instances in which groups of more than 45 individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain 6 feet of distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. This does not limit the total occupancy of a business, but requires that businesses limit mass gatherings in areas and instances in which physical distancing cannot be maintained such as at tables and in entrances, lobbies, break rooms, checkout areas, etc.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS

- Employers may begin reducing telework and start bringing employees back to work in an office setting.
- Avoid large gatherings of employees in groups of more than 45 where physical distancing protocols cannot be maintained except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity AND phase in employees onsite as possible while maintaining 6 feet of distance between employee workstations.
- Any employees exhibiting symptoms should be required to stay at home and asked to call their health care provider.
- Engage in nonessential travel but follow KDHE travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- K-12 facilities should continue to follow the guidelines of the Continuous Learning Plan developed by the Kansas State Department of Education. Districts with facilities in more than one county or city should follow any applicable directives issued by the county or city in which their district office is located.
- It is recommended that higher education facilities should remain closed for in-person learning or events involving groups of more than 45 individuals present at a time.
- It is safe for childcare facilities to reopen or continue operations pursuant to state and local regulations.

## LOOK FOR UPDATES

We appreciate those who continue to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. To stay current on the status of the virus in Johnson County, as well as our response to the pandemic, visit our website and follow us on social media.



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