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Atchison County has been planning a tiered release plan to begin immediately after the state-wide Stay at Home Orders and executive orders expire. It is important to note that this tiered release is dependent upon how the COVID-19 virus is controlled at both the state and county level. We will be monitoring disease spread and make decisions based on this information.

We must continue to take measures to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable and to continue to ensure that our healthcare resources are not overburdened. We understand that “getting back to normal” is very important, however we must be vigilant and keep our community safe by limiting the spread of COVID-19. We do not want to return to a “Stay at Home” order and believe that a safe tiered approach will allow Atchison County to accomplish this goal.

It is important to remember that in order to move from one phase to the next certain criteria must be met and also that we may have to adjust our plan at any given time.

Throughout this process there are things that we can continue to do to stop the spread.

- Practice good hand hygiene
- Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose, and eyes
- Masks are recommended in public places
- Vulnerable/High risk individuals and senior citizens should stay home as much as possible and should not congregate with persons who are not living in their household.
- Social distancing measures should continue to be followed
- Limit non-essential travel

Attached is a document that outlines the COVID-19 symptoms per the CDC/KDHE for the purpose of screening when recommended.

Each tier will be subject to change and will be issued with an accompanying order. For the purpose of event planning, no sooner than June 29th will gatherings greater that 250 be permitted. After June 29th gatherings greater than 250 will be considered on a case by case basis. Changes are expected and should be anticipated in the future.

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Atchison County Health Officer
## Atchison County Reopening Plan

### Phase one

**Effective May 4, 2020**

**Timing:** Minimum of 14 days
Earliest possible date: May 18, 2020

**Pre-requisites:**
(If any of these pre-requisites change, a reverse to the previous phase may be necessary)

- State restrictions allow for the actions included in this phase
- Local indicators show decreasing community transmission for at least 14 days before the beginning of this phase
- Sufficient testing is expected to be available
- Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment is expected to be available
- 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

**Mass Gatherings:**

- 10 or less per building/outdoor space

**Essential Businesses:**
(List Attached)

- Screen workers for fevers and any symptoms of COVID-19
- Move work spaces 6 feet apart
- Common areas such as breakrooms and lobbies practice social distancing
- Working from home should be maximized

**Restaurants and Bars**

- Delivery/take-out curbside service only
- Beverages not in their original container must be served by an employee

**Retail Businesses:**

- Limit the number of customers in the store at any given time to 5 customers for each 1000 square feet
- Provide shopping cart sanitation supplies
- Maintain social distancing
- Enhanced cleaning should be done throughout the day
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                       | • Maintain 6-foot distancing from others at all times |
| **Cruising:**         | • Organized community cruising events are allowed if all occupants of the vehicle reside in the same residents and vehicles do not stop and congregate |
| **Community Events/Entertainment/Theaters:** | • Not allowed |
| **Education**         | • Per KSDE and school district |
| **Medical clinics**   | • Per hospital/clinic |
| **Optical:**          | • By appointment only  
                       | • Masks on client and provider  
                       | • Enhanced cleaning |
| **Dental:**           | • By appointment only  
                       | • Provider must wear mask and eye protection  
                       | • Enhanced cleaning |

**Phase two**

**Timing:**  
A minimum of 14 days after previous phase.  
**Earliest possible date: May 18, 2020**

**Pre-requisites:**  
• State restrictions allow for the actions in this phase  
• Clusters of cases are promptly identified and contained and do not spread to the community  
• Health care, public health, and public safety can cope with volume of cases

**Mass Gathering:**  
• 25 or less

**Essential Businesses:**  
• Screen workers for fevers and any symptoms of COVID-19  
• Move work spaces 6 feet apart  
• Common areas such as breakrooms and lobbies practice social distancing  
• Working from home should be maximized

**Restaurants and Bars:**  
• In restaurant dining is allowed and must adhere mass gathering and social distance guidelines
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| Public Swimming Pools:              | • Per state guidelines  
|                                    | • Must maintain mass gathering guidelines |
| Real Estate:                       | • Individual showings are allowed  
|                                    | • No open houses  
|                                    | • Maintain 6-foot distancing from others at all times |
| Cruising:                          | • Organized community cruising events are allowed if all occupants of the vehicle reside in the same residents and vehicles do not stop and congregate |
| Community Events/Entertainment/Theater | • Must adhere to mass gathering and social distancing guidelines  
|                                    | • The entity organizing the event is responsible for ensuring that all guidelines are being followed  
|                                    | • Hand sanitizer should be readily available throughout the premises for the duration of the event  
|                                    | • Practice social distancing |
| Education:                         | • Per KSDE and school district |
| Medical                            | • Per hospital/clinic |
| Optical:                           | • By appointment only  
|                                    | • Masks on client and provider  
|                                    | • Enhanced cleaning |
| Dental:                            | • By appointment only  
|                                    | • Provider must wear mask and eye protection  
|                                    | • Enhanced cleaning |

### Phase three

| Timing: | A minimum of 14 days after previous phase.  
|         | Earliest Possible date: June 1, 2020 |

| Pre-requisites: | • State restrictions allow for the actions in this phase  
|                | • Clusters of cases are promptly identified and contained and do not spread to the community  
|                | • Health care, public health, and public safety can cope with volume of cases |

| Mass Gatherings: | • 50 or less |
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### Essential Businesses:
- Screen workers for fevers and any symptoms of COVID-19
- Move workspaces 6 feet apart
- Common areas such as breakrooms and lobbies practice social distancing
- Working from home should be maximized

### Restaurants and Bars
- In restaurant dining is allowed and must adhere to mass gathering and social distancing guidelines
- Maximum of 50 customers in the restaurant at any given time is allowed.
- Reservations are encouraged
- Self-serve beverages are allowed
- Buffets are allowed but maintain 6 feet

### Retail Businesses:
- Limit the number of customers in the store at any given time to 15 customers for each 1000 square feet
- Provide shopping cart sanitation supplies
- Maintain social distancing
- Enhanced cleaning should be done throughout the day
- Hand sanitizer should be readily available throughout

### Long Term Care Facilities:
- Outside visitors are allowed but must be screened for fevers and any symptoms of COVID-19 and must wear masks at all times.
- Facility must keep a record of all visitors
- Must adhere to KDHE guidelines
- Maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- Maintain 6 feet between residents
- Perform enhanced cleaning daily
- Screen employees for fevers and any symptom of COVID-19
- Staff should wear masks at all times

### Childcare:
- Childcare facilities must adhere to KDHE guidelines
- Perform enhanced daily cleaning
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| **Personal Services:** | **Services may be provided by appointment only**  
| | • Both service provider and customer must wear masks  
| | • The business must keep record of all customers  
| | • Appointments must be spaced so that there is adequate time to clean thoroughly between customers  
| | • One customer is allowed per service provider in the business at any given time  
| | • Customers must be screened for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 |

| **Religious Services:** | **Religious services should adhere to the mass gatherings and social distancing guidelines**  
| | • Churches are encouraged to use online, radio, or other Religious services should adhere to the mass gatherings and social distancing guidelines |

| **Recreation Commission Activities:** | **Team practices which meet mass gathering limitations are allowed**  
| | • Practice social distancing  
| | • Competitive team events may begin  
| | • Indoor events 15 spectators per 1000 square feet  
| | • Spectators maintain social distance |

| **Parks, Public Spaces, and playground equipment:** | **Parks and public spaces are open**  
| | • Playground equipment and picnic tables may be used |

| **Gyms and Fitness Centers** | **Gyms/fitness centers may be open provided that staff is on the premises** |
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| Public Swimming Pools: | Through the duration of operating hours  
| | - Limit the number of customers to 15 per 1000 square feet  
| | - Facilities with child care may continue at half capacity keeping a log of dates, times, names of children  
| | - The business must keep a record of all customers using the facility (name, date, time)  
| | - Must adhere to social distancing guidelines, allowing people to remain 6 feet apart at all times  
| | - Equipment must be cleaned thoroughly before and after each use.  
| | - Customers must be screened for fever and symptoms of COVID-19  
| Real Estate: | Individual showings are allowed  
| | - May have open houses  
| | - Follow mass gathering guideline  
| | - Maintain 6-foot distancing from others at all times  
| Cruising: | Organized cruising events are allowed and must adhere to mass gathering guidelines  
| Community Events/Entertainment/Theater | Must adhere to mass gathering and social distancing guidelines  
| | - The entity organizing the event is responsible for ensuring that all guidelines are being followed  
| | - Hand sanitizer should be readily available throughout the premises for the duration of the event  
| | - Practice social distancing  
| Education: | Per KSDE and school district  
| Medical | Per hospital/clinic  
| Optical: | By appointment only  
| | - Masks on client and provider  
| | - Enhanced cleaning  
| Dental: | By appointment only |
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| **Phase four** | **Provider must wear mask and eye protection**  
|               | **Enhanced Cleaning**  
| **Timing:**   | A minimum of 28 days after the previous phase.  
|              | Earliest possible date: June 29, 2020  
|              | Duration unknown, but likely several months  
| **Pre-Requisites:** | State restrictions allow for the actions in this phase  
|                   | Clusters of cases are promptly identified and contained and do not spread to the community  
|                   | Health care, public health, and public safety can cope with volume of cases  
| **General:**    | Most activities return to normal  
| **Main Changes:** | No ban on any activities is in place but some restrictions for places with a high risk of transmission may be imposed.  
|                 | Gatherings of 250 or more allowed on a case by case basis, depending on specific risk and containment activities  
| **Restrictions for this phase:** | High risk individuals are advised to exercise precautions and avoid crowded settings  
| **Specific situations:** | Some places with high risk of transmission may still have some restrictions yet to be defined.  

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**REFERENCES**


Opening Up America Again. [https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/)

The Kansas Chamber’s Relief and Recovery Agenda.  
People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea