

Mitchell County Plan for Re-Opening

Phase 2

PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

Phase 2 in Mitchell County allows for a gradual loosening to restrictions in place for both individuals and businesses. It is vital we proceed forward purposefully and with attentiveness as we continue to ensure our healthcare resources are not overburdened, while also protecting the safety of our most vulnerable populations. Phase 2 of Mitchell County's Plan for Re-Opening has been developed following the direction and guidance received by Governor Kelly.

Restarting economic activity remains a priority in Mitchell County, along with keeping our community safe and limiting the spread of COVID-19. In our efforts to continue to move forward in the following days, it is critical that the community as a whole remain cautious in our steps onward. To limit the potential of returning to the "Stay Home" order or an extension of any of the phases, we urge all citizens of Mitchell County to be diligent in following the plan developed for Phase 2.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

- Phase 2 for Mitchell County began May 22nd, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. An order was placed in Mitchell County to continue to follow Phase 2 effective May 27th, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.
- A phased in approach will continue to be taken, following the guidance document received from Governor Kelly.
- Mitchell County Health Department, Health Officer, and Board of Health will evaluate the state's disease spread, testing rates, death rates, hospitalizations, ability of state and local public health authorities to contain outbreaks and conduct contact tracing, and personal protective equipment availability when determining if the state should move to the next phase of the plan.
- An order will be placed for each phase. With each order, a mass gathering limit will be identified prohibiting mass gatherings of more than the determined size.

- **Mass Gathering Definition:** Mass gatherings are defined as instances in which individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance between individuals (not including individuals who reside together) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
- All businesses not specifically identified in each phase of the reopening plan will be allowed to reopen unless Mitchell County or the Mitchell County Health Department issues an order prohibiting such businesses from opening. Each business and entity that will not be allowed to be open will be identified in each phase.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO BE FOLLOWED THROUGH EACH PHASE

- County restrictions must allow for the actions included in each phase. To move from one phase to the next, the following criteria must be met:
 - Disease spread is stable or declining over a 14-day period
 - Hospitals identify a decreasing number of new COVID-19 admissions, with a stable or downward trajectory of the COVID-19 inpatient counts within a 14-day period
 - Decreasing number of COVID-19 deaths within a 14-day period
 - Sufficient testing supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be available
 - The public health systems must be able to promptly identify and isolate infected individuals and identify and quarantine necessary contacts
- When able, staying home is recommended, especially for the vulnerable and high-risk population
- Social distancing measures should continue to be followed:
 - Stay 6 feet away from people when possible
 - Limit non-essential travel
 - Limit interaction with people not in the same household when possible
- Masks are recommended to be worn in public
- Practice good hygiene (i.e. washing hands with soap and water, using hand sanitizer); Disinfect surfaces frequently
- Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose, or eyes
- Follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for updated list of symptoms of COVID-19
 - Symptoms include (but are not limited to): fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, chills, aches, fatigue, loss of smell or taste, nausea/vomiting, and diarrhea
- Businesses, organizations, or facilities may have stricter regulations than what are listed below, but may not have less strict regulations

	<p>Phase 2 Beginning May 22ndth</p>
<p>Mass Gathering Limitations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 or less, not including individuals who reside together.
<p>Guidance for Individuals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks: Cloth face masks are strongly encouraged in public settings as appropriate. Employees should follow industry-specific guidance on mask use in workplaces. • Outdoor activities: When in public (e.g. parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), individuals (not including individuals who reside together) should maintain 6-foot distance from others with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. • Social Gatherings: Avoid socializing in person with groups of more than 15 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. • High Risk Individuals: High risk individuals are advised to continue to stay home except when conducting essential functions. • Travel: Minimize or eliminate non-essential travel and follow the KDHE and Mitchell County travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas. Essential travel includes travel for urgent family, medical, and business-related needs.

<p style="text-align: center;">Guidance for Employers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telework: Strongly encouraged for all employees when possible. • On-site operations: Avoid large gatherings of employees in groups of more than 15 where social distancing protocol cannot be maintained except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity AND continue to phase in employees on-site as possible while maintaining 6-feet of distance between employee workstations. • Screening: Highly encouraged to screen workers for fevers and any symptoms of COVID-19 with a questionnaire at workplace entrance. • Potentially Sick Employees: Any employees exhibiting symptoms should be required to stay at home and asked to call their health care provider. • Common Areas: Common areas, such as breakrooms and lobbies, are encouraged to remain closed or limited to minimal amount of employees at a time. • Masks: Employers should highly consider the use of masks at all times unless prohibited by other safety equipment. • Business Travel: Minimize or eliminate non-essential travel and follow KDHE and Mitchell County’s travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas. Essential travel includes travel for urgent and necessary family, medical, and business-related needs. • Visits to Long-Term Care Facilities or Correctional Facilities: In-person visits to these facilities should be highly screened, with the ultimate decision left to the facility. Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening.
	<p>All businesses not prohibited may open IF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They can maintain at least 6 feet of distance between consumers (individuals or groups)

<p style="text-align: center;">Business Restrictions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Applicable to all businesses identified as being allowed to open)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundamental cleaning and public health practices must be followed. Businesses should follow industry-specific guidelines as provided on covid.ks.gov. Any additional best practices guidance from each business sector is strongly encouraged. ● Businesses must avoid any instances in which groups of more than 15 individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closure proximity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This does not limit 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 tables, entrances, lobbies, break rooms, check-out areas, etc. <p>The following businesses MAY OPEN IF they comply with requirements listed below and ONLY to the extent described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Casinos (non-tribal), but only if they comply with uniform guidelines approved by KDHE. <p>The following businesses DO NOT OPEN in this phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bars and night clubs, excluding already operating curbside and carryout services.
<p style="text-align: center;">Educational Facilities and Licensed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● K-12 facilities remain subject to the provisions of EO 20-07 regarding school closures, except that up to 15 students, instructors, or staff may be present for normal operations. 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 and city in which the district office is located.

<p>Childcare Facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education facilities that are closed before May 4th should remain closed for in-person learning or events involving groups of more than 15 individuals present at a time. • Licensed childcare facilities may continue operations pursuant to state and local regulation
<p>Activities and Venue Restrictions</p>	<p>All activities and venues not prohibited may open IF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They can maintain at least 6 feet of distance between individuals or groups. • Fundamental cleaning and public health practices are followed. Compliance with any additional sector-specific practices guidance is strongly encouraged. • Avoid any instances in which a group of more than 15 individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This does not limit the total occupancy of a facility, but requires that facilities limit mass gatherings in areas and instances in which physical distancing cannot be maintained such as in entrances, lobbies, locker rooms, etc. <p>The follow activities and venues MAY OPEN IF they comply with the requirements list above and ONLY to the extent described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational, youth, or other non-professional organized sports facilities, sports tournaments, sports games, and sports practices may open or occur if they follow guidelines established by the Kansas Recreation & Park Association and approved by the Department of Health and Environment and posted on covid.ks.gov <p>The following activities and venues DO NOT OPEN in this phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor and indoor large entertainment venues with capacity of 2,000 or more. • Fairs, festivals, carnival, and parades

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer camps• Swimming pools, other than single-family backyard pools or pools being used only for physical therapy or first responder training |
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Activities NOT allowed to open:	Establishments NOT allowed to open:	Establishments, Education, Activities, & Venues allowed to operate:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor and indoor large entertainment venues with capacity of 2,000+ • Fairs, festivals, carnivals and parades • Summer camps • Most swimming pools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bars and nightclubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare facilities • Libraries • Community Centers • Organized sports facilities, tournaments, and practices with some exceptions • Casinos (non-tribal) in compliant with guidelines approved by KDHE • Indoor leisure spaces

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- As we continue to work through the phases, each business and entity that will not be allowed to be open will be identified in each phase.
- Industry-specific guidance available at covid.ks.gov.

Mitchell County Phase Re-Opening Plan

	Phase 1	Phase 1.5	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
	May 4th-May 17th	May 18th - May 21st	May 22nd - June 7th	June 8th - June 21st	June 22nd and forward
Gathering Size	10 Max	10 Max	15 Max	45 Max	TBD
Restaurants	Open - Not to exceed mass gathering size per table - Tables 6 ft apart - No max capacity				Open
Licensed Daycare Facility	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Libraries	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open
Gyms	Closed	Open with restrictions	Open	Open	Open
Barbers/Salons	Closed	Open with restrictions	Open	Open	Open
Massage	Closed	Open with restrictions	Open	Open	Open
Graduations	Closed	Open with restrictions	Open	Open	Open
Community Center	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Movie Theaters	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Organized Sports	Closed	Closed	Open with restrictions	Open	Open
Indoor Leisure Spaces	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Pools	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Bars (carry-out / curbside only)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Fairs, Festivals, Carnivals, & Parades	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Summer Camps	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Large Entertainment Venues	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
K-12	Closed	Subject to EO 20-07, with exemptions			
Higher Education	Subject to exemptions	Subject to exemptions	Subject to exemptions	Subject to exemptions	Subject to exemptions
Hospital Care (elective)	Open (up to facility)	Open (up to facility)	Open(up to facility)	Open(up to facility)	Open(up to facility)
Dentists and other care	Open (up to facility)	Open (up to facility)	Open(up to facility)	Open (up to facility)	Open(up to facility)
Masks Not Required but are suggested					
Phases are 14 day but also subject to change at any time					
Subject to change based upon current conditons					
Counties are able to MORE restrictive but unable to less restrictive then the Governors plan					
If your entity is not listed and you have questions about the guidelines please call us					
Mitchell County Health Department (785)738-5175					

KDHE Travel-Related **Mandatory** 14 Day Quarantine Areas:

	Type	Effective Date	Where?
	Domestic Travel	On or after March 15	New York
		On or after March 23	New Jersey
			Illinois
		On or after April 6	Connecticut
		On or after April 30	Massachusetts
			Rhode Island
	On or after May 12	Maryland	
	International Travel	<p>On or after March 15</p> <p>People previously under quarantine because of travel to China, South Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran should finish out their quarantine</p>	All countries
	Cruises	<p>On or after March 15</p> <p>People previously under quarantine because of their cruise ship travel should finish out their quarantine</p>	All cruise ships and river cruises



*KDHE travel restrictions updated on 5/12/2020.

Mitchell County Travel-Related **Mandatory 14 Day Quarantine**

Kansas Counties:

Nebraska Counties:

Finney
Ford

Douglas
Lancaster