



Harvey County Mass Gathering Local Health Order

In effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended

Beginning in January 2021, the State of Kansas and Harvey County have seen a significant decrease in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Harvey County uses six gating criteria to examine the local health care system's ability to handle COVID-19 response: Disease Spread, Hospitals, Deaths, Testing, Personal Protective Equipment, and Tracking/Tracing.

With local and state data showing a decrease in COVID-19 cases, less continuous strain on regional health care systems, and the administering of COVID-19 vaccine as it has become available to Harvey County, the Harvey County Commission, which serves as the Local Board of Health, and in consultation with the public health officer for Harvey County, have approved an updated local health order limiting mass gatherings to 50 people. The following restrictions apply:

Mass Gatherings

- No more than 50 individuals in a gathering where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained. This does not limit the total occupancy allowed in a facility or event - if 6 feet of social distance is maintained at all times.

Face Masks

- Face masks continue to be required in accordance with the Public Health Order passed Oct. 19, 2020. The order requires a face mask to be worn county-wide in public spaces where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained between individuals at all times. The order is in effect until rescinded, superseded or amended.

Individuals

- Face masks are required in settings where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained at all times.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance among groups of individuals in both indoor and outdoor settings. Avoid socializing in groups of more than 50 people.
- People at a higher risk for severe illness should exercise caution in public interactions, practice social distancing, and minimize exposure to social settings where precautionary measures may be difficult.

Employers

- Follow sector-specific guidance or mandates provided by business licensors.
- Employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home, and are encouraged to contact their medical provider for additional guidance.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance between workstations.

Travel

- Consider minimizing travel unless for medical, family, essential goods and services, or business-related needs.
- Monitor for travel-related quarantine mandates as determined by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

(For organization-specific information, please see page 2)

In addition to the previous criteria, the following information is provided for specific organizations.

Educational facilities

- K-12 facilities should follow guidelines developed by the Harvey County Health Department, local Boards of Education, Kansas State Department of Education, and the Kansas State High School Activities Association.
- Licensed childcare facilities may continue operations pursuant to state and local regulations.

Large Entertainment Venues

- All activities and venues may remain open if maintaining 6 feet of distance between individuals and groups.
- Ensure cleaning and public health practices are followed.

Fairs, Festivals, Carnivals, Parades

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Swimming Pools

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- Ensure cleaning and public health practices are followed.

Senior Centers

- Ensure cleaning and public health practices are followed.

Long-term Care Facilities

- Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening.
- Facilities should follow Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, and KDHE guidelines, and Health Department requirements and recommendations.

Correctional Facilities

- In-person visits to these facilities are allowed. Those who must interact with residents must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and screening.

Meeting Rooms

- Ensure cleaning and public health practices are followed.

Gyms, Fitness Centers

- Routine cleaning and disinfecting of equipment before and after use is encouraged.
- Space equipment apart by 6 feet or more.
- Locker rooms/showers can remain open if social distancing is maintained among individuals.

Childcare Facilities, Daycares

- Ensure cleaning and public health practices are followed.
- Continue to follow guidelines from state licensures, KDHE and the Health Department.

Religious Facilities, Churches

- Ensure cleaning and public health practices are followed.
- General recommendation and support for moving services and activities to a remote model.

Restaurants, Bars

- Ensure cleaning and public health practices are followed.
- Recommend carry-out and drive-through services when possible.
- Groups greater than 50 should not occur where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained at all times.