



Shawnee County Health Department

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MEDIA RELEASE

Emergency Order of Local Health Officer – Updates and Changes to Restrictions

Topeka, Kan. – An Emergency Order of Local Health Officer has been issued for Topeka and Shawnee County, which will be effective beginning **Friday, February 12 at 12:01 a.m.** This public health order is being issued in continuance of mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on the Shawnee County community. This order will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. March 12, 2021 unless renewed, rescinded or superseded by a subsequent order.

Dr. Erin Locke, Shawnee County Health Officer, has adopted the following changes to the local requirements which can be found on our Shawnee County Health Department website at www.shawneehealth.org:

- **Mass Gathering Limits:**
 - Mass gathering limits for events have been **increased to 300 participants or 50% of total capacity** (whichever is smaller)
 - Organizations that are planning events that are expected to **exceed 300 participants must submit a written plan for review** by the COVID-19 Incident Response Team and the Shawnee County Health Officer. Plans are to be sent to covid19info@sncu.us
- **Restaurants, Bars and Nightclubs:**
 - **Increasing** hours of operations to 12:00AM
 - Consumption of food and beverages at **counters is permitted**; with appropriate social distancing (6 feet) and barriers between seats
 - **Karaoke is permitted** and included with other live performances that are allowed

Questions regarding the Emergency Order can be sent to covid19info@sncu.us or call **785.251.4848**.

Attachment:
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