



Shawnee County Health Department

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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 **Saturday, March 6 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 This order will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. April 9, 2021 unless renewed, rescinded or superseded by a subsequent order.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 for small groups **increased to 25 individuals**
 - Mass gathering limits for indoor events have been **increased to 500 participants or 75% of total capacity** (whichever is smaller) after social distancing and mass gathering rules are applied (i.e. groups of 25 separated by 6 feet)
 - Mass gathering limits for outdoor events have been **increased to 1000**. Social distancing and mass gathering rules are applied (i.e. groups of 25 separated by 6 feet)
 - Organizations that are planning events that are expected to **exceed the above gathering limits 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@sncos.org
- **Restaurants, Bars and Nightclubs:**
 - **No restrictions on operating hours**
- **Personal Services**
 - Operations should follow KDHE guidance:
<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1048/COVID-19-Guidance-for-Cosmetology-PDF---8-7-20?bidId=>

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



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Attachment:
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