



**Geary County
Health Department**
1212 West Ash Street
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Junction City, Kansas 66441

16 March 2026

Geary County Board of Health

GCPHD Monthly Update

1. Program Updates

Public Health Infrastructure Grant Update

The issue in KGMS has been resolved, and we are now able to submit the Budget Modification Request (BMR). Once KDHE approves the BMR in KGMS, we will be able to complete the Financial Status Report (FSR) and proceed with reimbursement.

Annual Grants Applications Submission

The department has successfully submitted all required annual grant applications, including PHEP, State Formula, IAP, and OPEIS funding. These applications ensure continued support for core public health services, preparedness activities, and community health programs for the upcoming funding cycle.

Building Bridges Learning Community Grant

GCPHD was selected as one of 10 health departments nationwide to participate in the Building Bridges Learning Community. This six-month, \$10,000 grant focuses on strengthening relationships with community partners. Funding will support \$2,500 in staff salary time, certification in SHRM-CP to strengthen internal HR capacity, and development of a joint strategic plan between the Geary County Public Health Department (GCPHD) and Live Well Geary County (LWGC) to improve long-term collaboration.

Grant Development Efforts

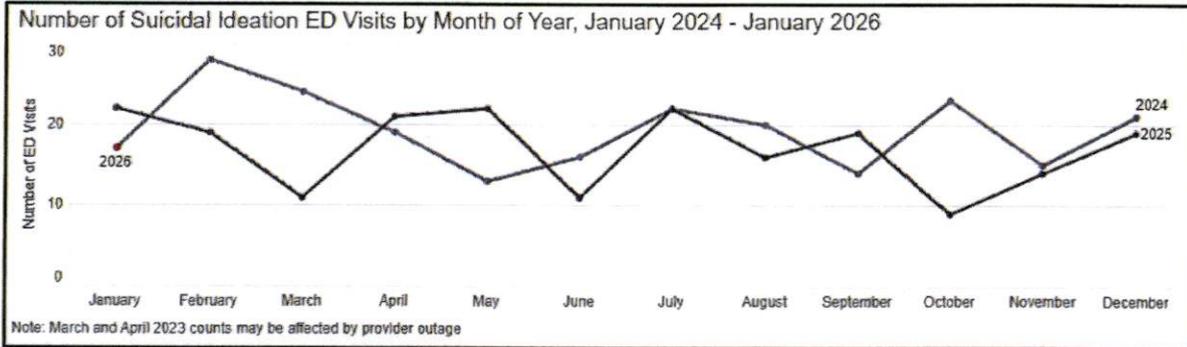
GCPHD continues to actively monitor and pursue additional grant opportunities to support public health programs, strengthen departmental capacity, and bring outside funding into the county to expand services for residents.

Safe Kids Program

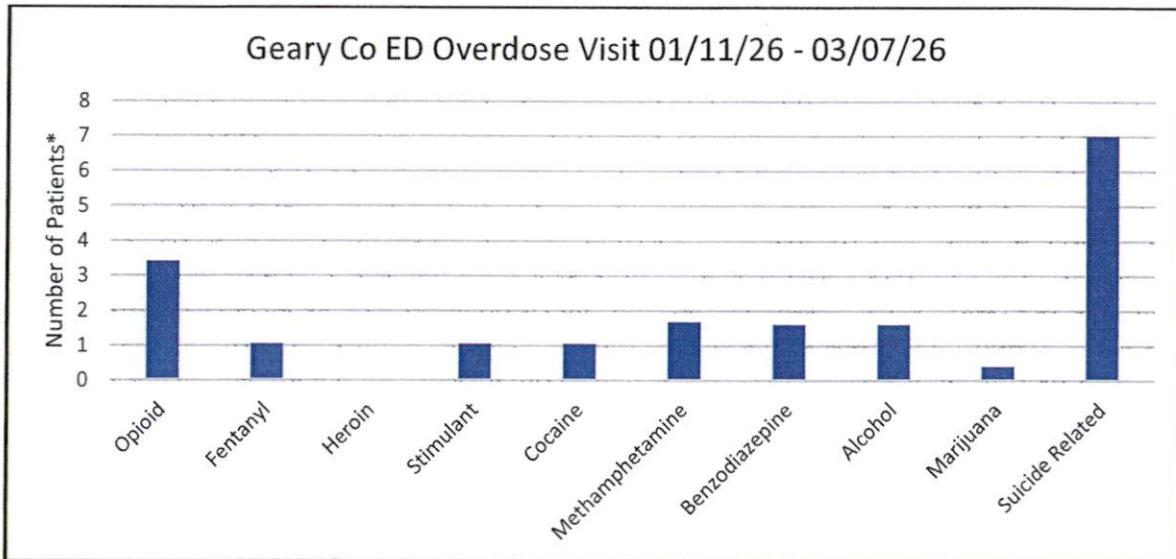
GCPHD has established a multi-agency Safe Kids committee that brings together partners with expertise across several injury prevention areas. The committee has begun planning community events, with additional activities to be scheduled throughout the year. As part of this work, Paige Mendoza's graphic design skills were recognized at the state level, and she was asked to develop several posters for use by the state Safe Kids program.

2. Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Updates

Suicidal Ideation: JAN26 - **17 Patients**; DEC25 - **19 Patients**

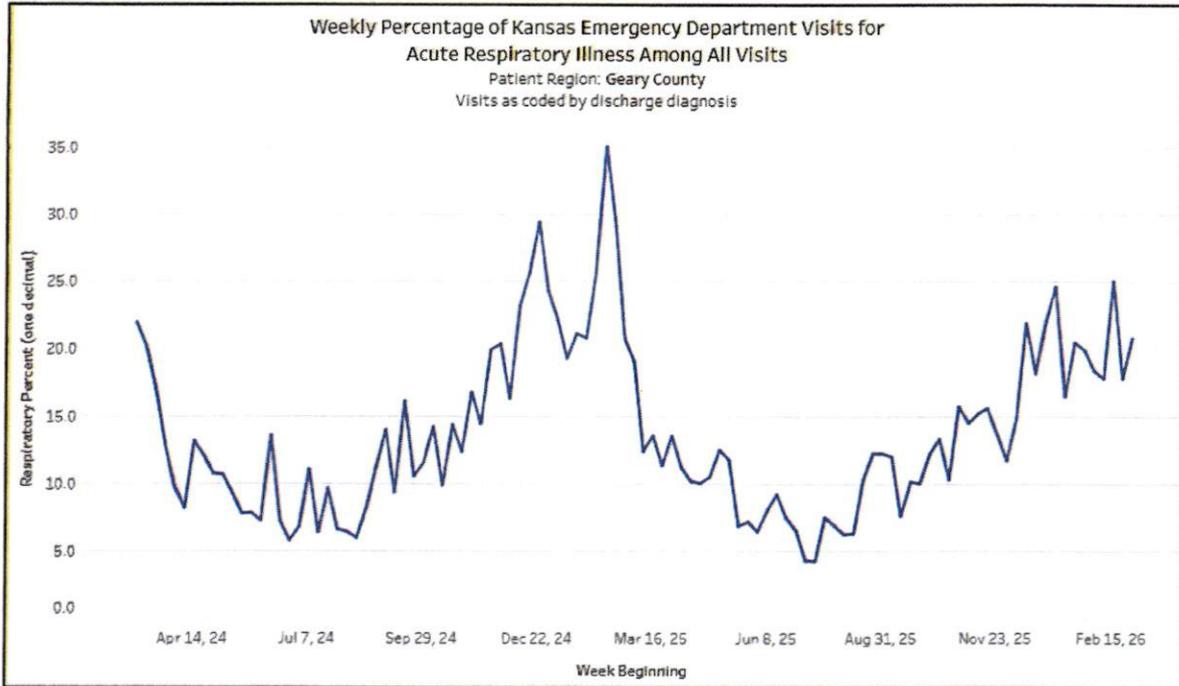


Overdose Emergency Room Visits



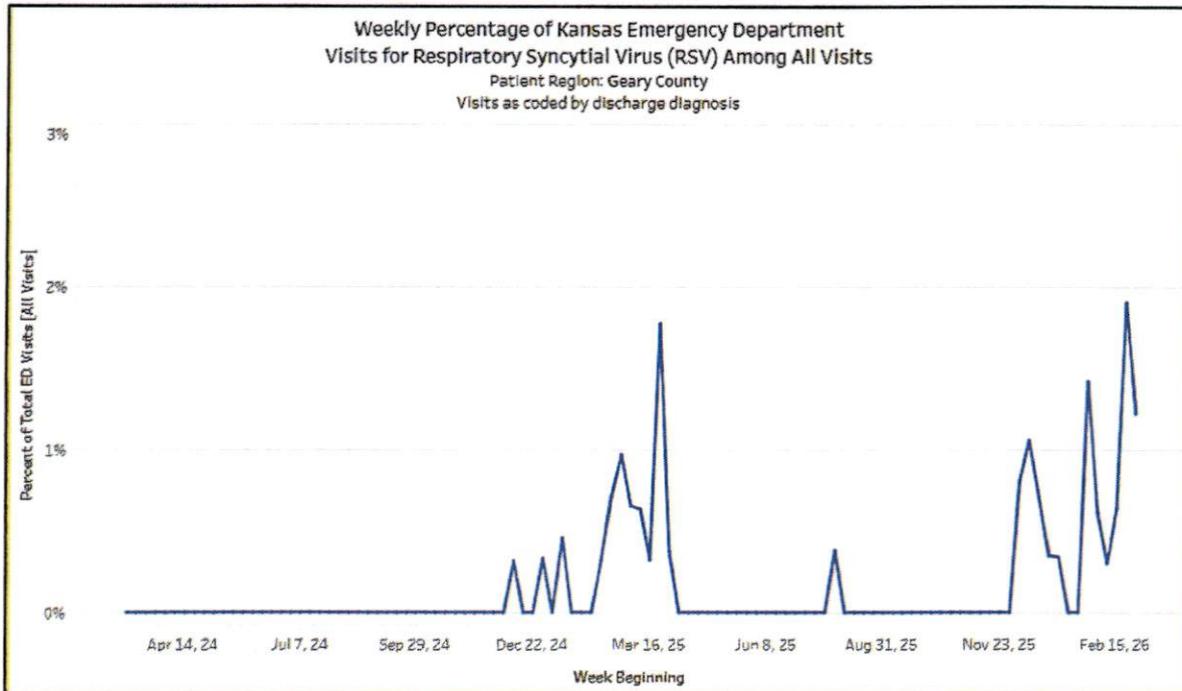
*Small cell suppression applied to protect patient confidentiality in accordance with HIPAA.
Source: Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics

Acute Respiratory Illness – MAR26: 20.7% - FEB26: 18.5% - MAR25: 21.9%

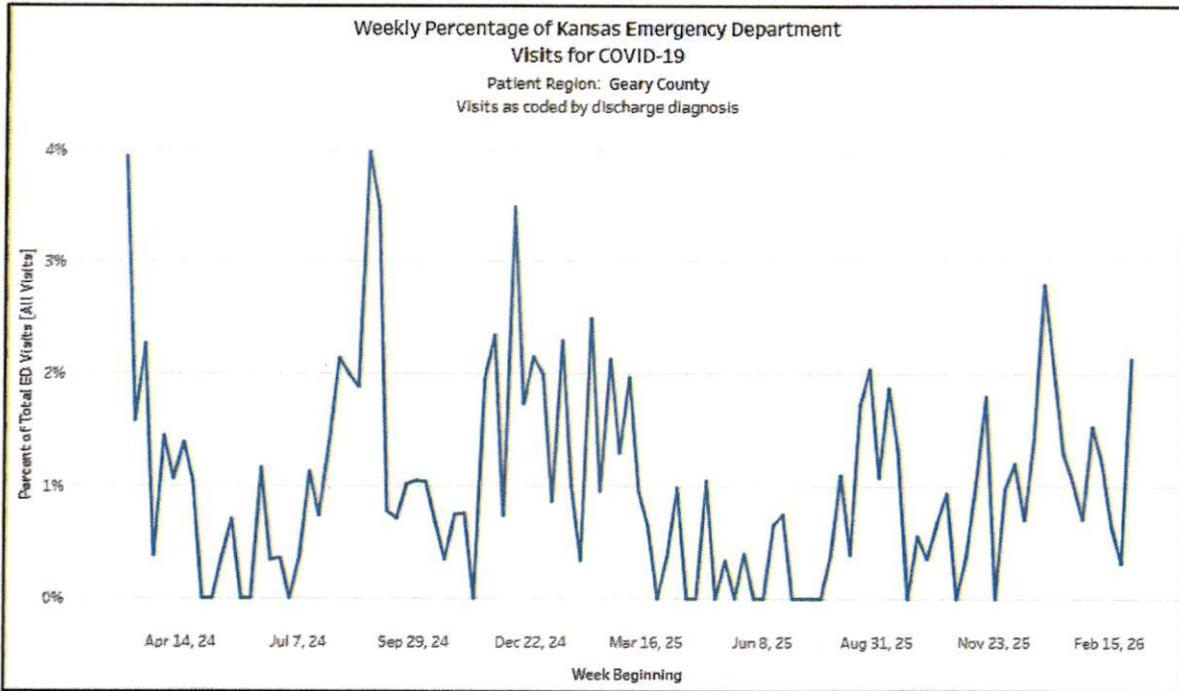


Acute respiratory illness includes diagnostic codes that are associated with a broad range of acute respiratory illnesses including codes for specific respiratory infections (e.g., influenza, RSV) and for general respiratory illnesses such as cough or pneumonia.

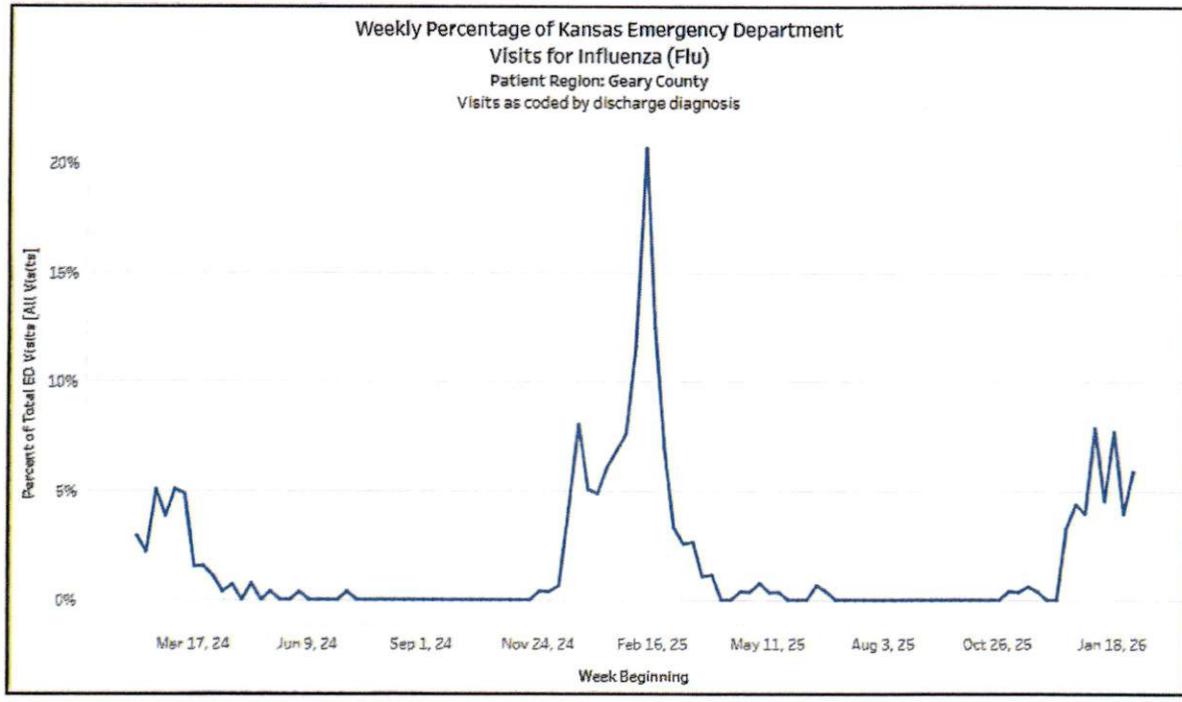
RSV – MAR26: 1.2% - FEB26: 0.3% - MAR25: 0.7%



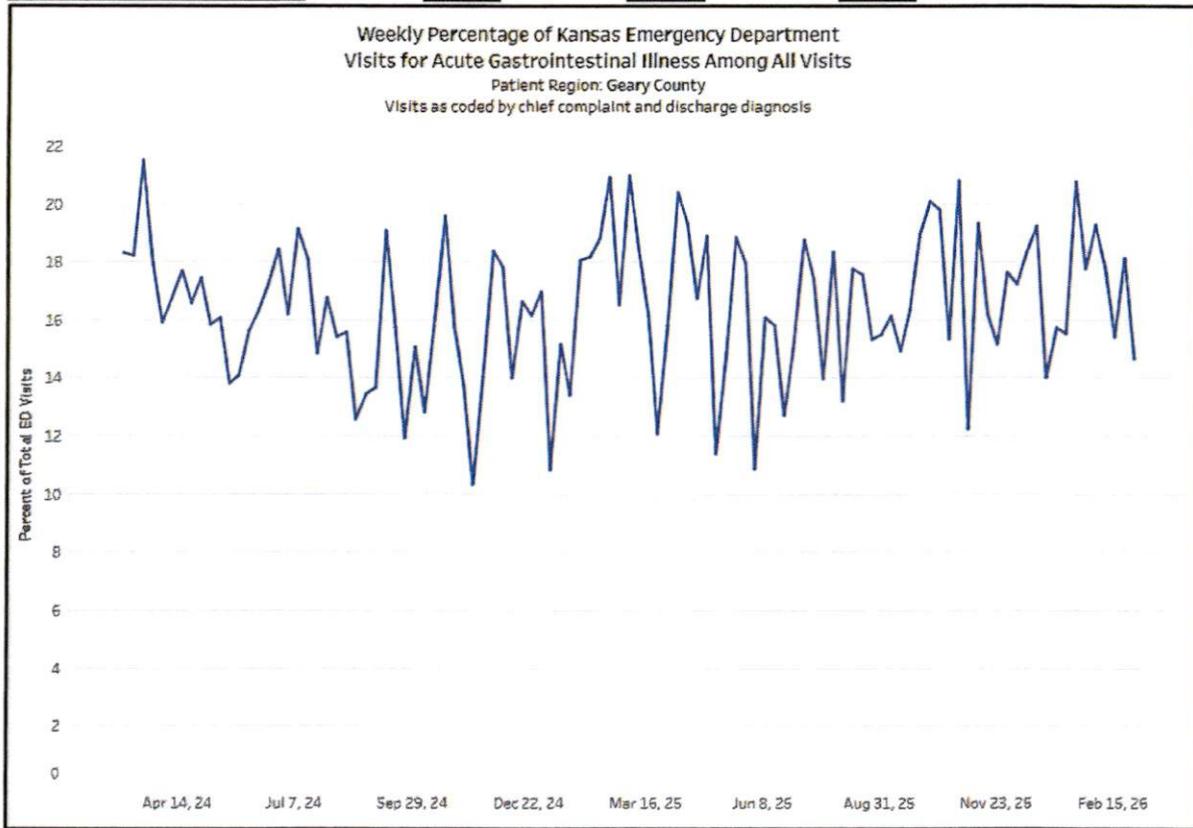
COVID-19 – MAR26: **2.1%** - FEB26: **1.5%** - MAR25: **2.0%**



Influenza – MAR26: **4.3%** - FEB26: **5.9%** - MAR25: **3.3%**



Gastrointestinal Illness - MAR26: **14.6%** - FEB26: **19.1%** - MAR25: **18.3%**



3. Sensitive Disease and Surveillance Report

| Sensitive Disease Report | JAN26 | 2026 |
|--|-------|------|
| Active Tuberculosis | 1 | 1 |
| Acute Flaccid Myelitis | 0 | 0 |
| Chlamydia | 8 | 8 |
| Congenital Syphilis | 0 | 0 |
| Gonorrhea | 0 | 0 |
| HIV | 0 | 0 |
| Influenza-associated pediatric mortality | 0 | 0 |
| Latent Tuberculosis | 0 | 0 |
| Mpox | 0 | 0 |
| Syphilis | 1 | 1 |

| Surveillance Report | JAN26 | 2026 |
|---|-------|------|
| Campylobacteriosis | 0 | 0 |
| Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO) | 0 | 0 |
| Cryptosporidiosis | 0 | 0 |
| Cyclosporiasis | 0 | 0 |
| Giardiasis | 0 | 0 |
| Hepatitis B, chronic | 0 | 0 |
| Hepatitis C, chronic | 0 | 0 |
| Histoplasmosis | 0 | 0 |
| Invasive pneumococcal disease | 0 | 0 |
| Malaria | 0 | 0 |
| Pertussis | 0 | 0 |
| Salmonellosis | 0 | 0 |
| Shiga toxin-producing E. coli | 0 | 0 |
| Varicella | 0 | 0 |
| Vibriosis | 0 | 0 |

4. Patient Encounters

| Patient Encounters 12/01/25 - 12/31/25 | |
|--|----|
| COVID | 0 |
| Immunizations | 38 |
| Nurse Visit | 8 |
| Outreach Prevention Early Intervention | 40 |
| Paternity | 1 |
| Pregnancy | 0 |
| Select Visit Type | 0 |
| Sexually Transmitted Infections | 7 |
| TB Screening | 92 |
| Catholic Charities | 5 |
| Salvation Army | 1 |

5. Training and Professional Development

Upcoming Staff Training:

Personal Protective Equipment – GCPHD Staff

6. Community Engagement and Partnerships

Current Partnership Activities:

JC Main Street, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, NE HCC, Konza Prairie Community Health Center, Riley County Public Health, Wildcat Regional PHEP, LWGC

Upcoming:

Safe Kids Program – Poison Prevention Booths – March 17th & 19th

Kansas Governors Public Health Conference – 1 Staff Member

Kansas Immunization Conference – 1 Staff Member

7. Administrative and Operational Updates

Staffing Updates:

New Hire: None

Departures: None

Adjustments: None

Vacancies: None

Electronic Medical Record

GCPHD is evaluating options to transition to a more cost-effective and robust EMR system. Tara Stewart, our medical biller, identified the opportunity to explore alternative systems that could better support our billing and operational needs, prompting this review. We have met with CureMD to review their platform and have a meeting scheduled with our current EMR provider to discuss a potential counteroffer. The goal of this process is to reduce overall system costs while improving functionality, including an integrated clearinghouse to strengthen insurance reimbursement, the ability to send patient text reminders, and system integrations with WebIZ, VaxCare, and EpiTrax to streamline reporting and improve patient care. We are also seeking an EMR solution that provides low- or no-cost training when system updates occur.

Facility Updates:

The department has begun seasonal facility organization and cleaning efforts to improve workspace efficiency and overall appearance. This includes reviewing, cleaning, and reorganizing storage areas such as closets and basement spaces throughout the building.

8. Financial Update

Health Dept. Deposits 02/01/26 - 02/28/26

| Date | Cash | Check | Credit Card | ACH |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 2/3/2026 | | | \$ 217.26 | |
| 2/4/2026 | | | \$ 110.00 | |
| 2/5/2026 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 420.00 | \$ 80.00 | |
| 2/9/2026 | | | \$ 10.00 | |
| 2/10/2026 | | | \$ 50.00 | |
| 2/13/2026 | | \$ 200.00 | \$ 60.00 | |
| 2/20/2026 | \$ 125.00 | | \$ 75.00 | |
| 2/24/2026 | | | \$ 50.00 | |
| 2/26/2026 | | | | \$ 605.00 |
| 2/26/2026 | | | \$ 50.00 | |

Type of Payment 02/01/26 - 02/28/26

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Cash | \$220.00 |
| Card | \$700.00 |
| Insurance | \$2,658.07 |

* Insurance" reflects the total amount billed prior to deducting the vaccine acquisition cost to GCPHD.

Vaxcare 01/01/26 - 01/31/26

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| Compensation | \$741.86 |
| Deductions | \$1,162.88 |
| Total | -421.02 |



Geary County,

March 2, 2026

The Statewide Kansas Local Bridge Load Rating Program (KLBRP) has been underway since 2015. This program was initiated and established by KDOT Bureau of Local Projects to advance the effort to bring each locally owned bridge into compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) with respect to load ratings.

Locally owned bridges that were open to traffic on October 16, 2015, were eligible for this program. Bridges that have been replaced, rehabilitated, or newly constructed since that date are required to be load rated at the owner's expense outside of this program.

In addition, some owners chose not to participate in the statewide program and instead hired their own consultant to provide the load ratings for their bridges. These ratings were reviewed to ensure that they meet the load rating requirements of the CFR (ex. all required trucks were rated, Load Rating Summary Sheet is sealed and signed by a professional engineer, etc.) but were not checked nor verified as part of this program.

The load ratings delivered with this letter complete the KLBRP work for your city or county. Included is a list of bridges in your inventory on the date of this letter. This list indicates which bridges were rated through this program, which bridges were rated outside of this program, and which bridges do not currently have valid load ratings. Bridge owners are responsible for obtaining load ratings at their expense for bridges that did not qualify for the KLBRP and do not have a valid load rating on file. It is imperative that you submit valid ratings in a timely manner so that Kansas remains in compliance with 23 CFR and your eligibility for State and Federal funding is not jeopardized.

From this point forward, it is the owner's responsibility to maintain the load ratings on all your bridges. Should a bridge be newly constructed, replaced, rehabilitated, damaged, or deteriorate such that the structural capacity of the bridge is affected, a valid load rating must be performed by the owner and submitted to KDOT. Placing additional fill over a bridge or removing fill from a bridge can also have an effect on the live load capacity of the structure and may require an updated load rating. It is the responsibility of the bridge inspection team leader, through ongoing inspections, to identify when the load rating records need to be updated.

Thank you for your assistance with the program through the years and we appreciate your attention to keeping the bridges in Kansas safe for the travelling public.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Donna Schmit
Bureau of Local Projects, Bridge Team Leader
Kansas Department of Transportation
785.213.7034
donna.schmit@ks.gov

Summary of Load Ratings Kansas Local Bridge Rating Program

Owner Group: Geary, C.Y.G.
 Program Year: Year Ten (FY2024, 106 C-4505-24)
 Rating Analysis Firm: HNTB
 Date Delivered: March 2, 2026
 Delivered By: Scott Moeder (GBA) | Donna Sahmi (KDOT)

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Kansas Local Bridge Rating Program - Close Out - 2026

LEGEND
 N = currently not posted
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| NBI Bridge Number | LPA Bridge Number | KDOT Structure Code | Current Posting Level (Tons) | | | NEW MAXIMUM POSTING LEVEL | | | | | | KLBRP Year Rated | Comments |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----|----|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | N | N | N | Option A | | Option B | | AND | | | |
| | | | | | | R12-1 Gross Tons Sign | R12-5 Three-Truck Sign (Tons) | R12-7 Emergency Vehicle Sign (Tons) | R12-1 Gross Tons Sign | R12-5 Three-Truck Sign (Tons) | R12-7 Emergency Vehicle Sign (Tons) | | |
| 000000000310001 | 0-0-E-3 | RDGL | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000000000310003 | 13-8-U-4 | SBMS | 19 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 28 | 37 | 17 | 28 | 37 | Y10 | Year 1-3 update. Reduce posting level |
| 000000000310004 | 11-7-R-2 | SMCC | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y10 | Year 1-3 update |
| 000000000310005 | 21-5-U-7 | CAR | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y6 | |
| 000000000310007 | 17-4-O-7 | RCB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000000000310009 | 14-2-N-0 | RCB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000000000310010 | 13-2-L-2 | RFB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000000000310011 | 21-9-R-0 | SBMS | 13 | 13 | 13 | 27 | 43 | 43 | 27 | 43 | 43 | Y10 | Year 1-3 update |
| 000000000310012 | 20-0-P-9 | SBMC | 10 | 10 | 10 | 26 | 33 | 43 | 26 | 33 | 43 | Y10 | Year 1-3 update |
| 000000000310013 | 19-6-O-3 | PDGS | 20 | 20 | 20 | NR | NR | NR | 20 | 20 | 20 | Y6 | |
| 000000000310014 | 16-9-K-5 | RCSC | 20 | 20 | 20 | NR | NR | NR | 20 | 20 | 20 | Y6 | |
| 000000000310015 | 6-2-X-0 | MAR | 13 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 43 | 43 | 9 | 11 | 16 | Y6 | |
| 000000000310016 | 12-0-N-1 | RFB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y4 | |
| 000000000310018 | 2-9-X-1 | RTAF | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y4 | |
| 000000000310019 | 3-2-W-2 | SBMS | 17 | 17 | 17 | NR | NR | NR | 19 | NR | NR | Y10 | Year 1-3 update |
| 000000000310020 | 4-2-U-3 | RTAF | 22 | 43 | 43 | 22 | 43 | 43 | 25 | 43 | 43 | Y10 | |
| 000000000310021 | 6-8-R-7 | PBMS | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y6 | |
| 000000000310023 | 1-5-P-8 | RCB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000000000310024 | 5-0-P-2 | RCB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000000000310025 | 18-6-M-5 | PDGC | 20 | 20 | 20 | NR | NR | NR | 20 | 20 | 20 | Y8 | |
| 000000000310026 | 19-9-M-5 | RCSH | 20 | 20 | 20 | NR | NR | NR | 20 | 20 | 20 | Y8 | |
| 000000000310028 | 22-6-N-7 | RFB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y4 | |
| 000000000310029 | 22-9-N-9 | RCB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000310863304380 | 1-3-P-0 | RFB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000310865904502 | 2-9-V-2 | PBMC | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | |
| 000310867204360 | 3-1-O-0 | RCB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y10 | Year 1-3 update |
| 000310869104405 | 4-1-O-5 | SBMS | 14 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 24 | 33 | 13 | 16 | 22 | Y4 | Year 1-3 update. Post bridge for load |
| 000310869304302 | 4-4-L-2 | RRF | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y6 | |



Summary of Load Ratings Kansas Local Bridge Rating Program



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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----|----|---------------------------|-------------------------|----|----|-------------------------------|----|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----|----|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| | | | | | | Option A | | | | | | Option B | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | R12-1 Gross Tons Sign | R12-5 | | | R12-7 | | | R12-1 Gross Tons Sign | R12-5 | | | R12-7aP | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Three-Truck Sign (Tons) | | | Emergency Vehicle Sign (Tons) | | | | Three-Truck Sign (Tons) | | | Emergency Vehicle Sign (Tons) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 000310901204481 | 20.4-U.1 | RCSH | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y6 | | |
| 000310901404306 | 20.9-L.6 | RFB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y6 | | |
| 000310901404308 | 20.8-L.8 | SBMS | 12 | 12 | 12 | 21 | 21 | 35 | 43 | 21 | 21 | 35 | 43 | 13 | 15 | 22 | Y4 | | | | |
| 000310901804408 | 21.7-Q.8 | PDGS | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NR | NR | NR | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 11 | 14 | 20 | Y8 | | | | |
| 000310901804505 | 21.5-V.5 | PDGS | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y8 | | | |
| 000310903604360 | 22.6-O.0 | SBMS | 20 | 20 | 20 | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | Y10 | Year 1-3 update. | | |
| 000310903704386 | 22.7-P.6 | SBMS | 13 | 13 | 13 | 22 | 22 | 43 | 43 | 22 | 22 | 43 | 43 | 14 | 17 | 23 | Y10 | Year 1-3 update. | | | |
| 0000000031B017 | 2.0-X.7 | RFB | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | | Rated Outside KLBRP | | |
| 0000000031B022 | 7.3-Q.0 | YBMS | N | N | N | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | | Rated Outside KLBRP | | |
| RATED IN KLBRP | | | | 61 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RATED OUT KLBRP | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INVENTORY | | | | 65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL REMAINING | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

RESOLUTION 03-16-2026

A RESOLUTION REDUCING SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 08-2002 sets forth the power of local authorities with respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction including the alteration of speed limits under K.S.A. 08-2002(10); and

WHEREAS, K.S.A 08-1560(h) grants local authorities the discretion to raise or lower speed limits to a safe and reasonable level on roads within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Geary County has determined that upon discussion of the Commission, receipt of input and analysis from Geary County Public Works, and review of all available evidence, including particular concern for those areas in close proximity to Junction City High School that it is in the best interest of the public's health, safety and welfare to reduce the maximum speed limit of certain segments of certain county maintained roads under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Geary County endeavors to ensure the safety of its citizens and all those who travel its roads.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Geary County, Kansas hereby gives official notice that on that specific segment of Rucker Road lying between the intersection of Blue Jay Way and Munson Road, a/k/a North Ritter Rd the speed limit shall be reduced from thirty-five (35) mph to thirty (30) mph. That this segment is set forth on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Geary County, Kansas hereby gives official notice that on that specific segment of Munson Road a/k/a North Ritter Road between the intersection of Rucker Road and K-18 Highway the speed limit shall be reduced from forty (40) mph to thirty (30) mph. That this segment is set forth on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. That signs shall be posted denoting the new speed limit by Geary County Public Works in accordance with Kansas law.

4. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after publication in the Daily Union.

BE IT SO RESOLVED THIS 16th day of March, 2026. .

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GEARY COUNTY, KANSAS**

By _____
KATHY TREMONT, Chairman

By _____
KEITH ASCHER, Commissioner

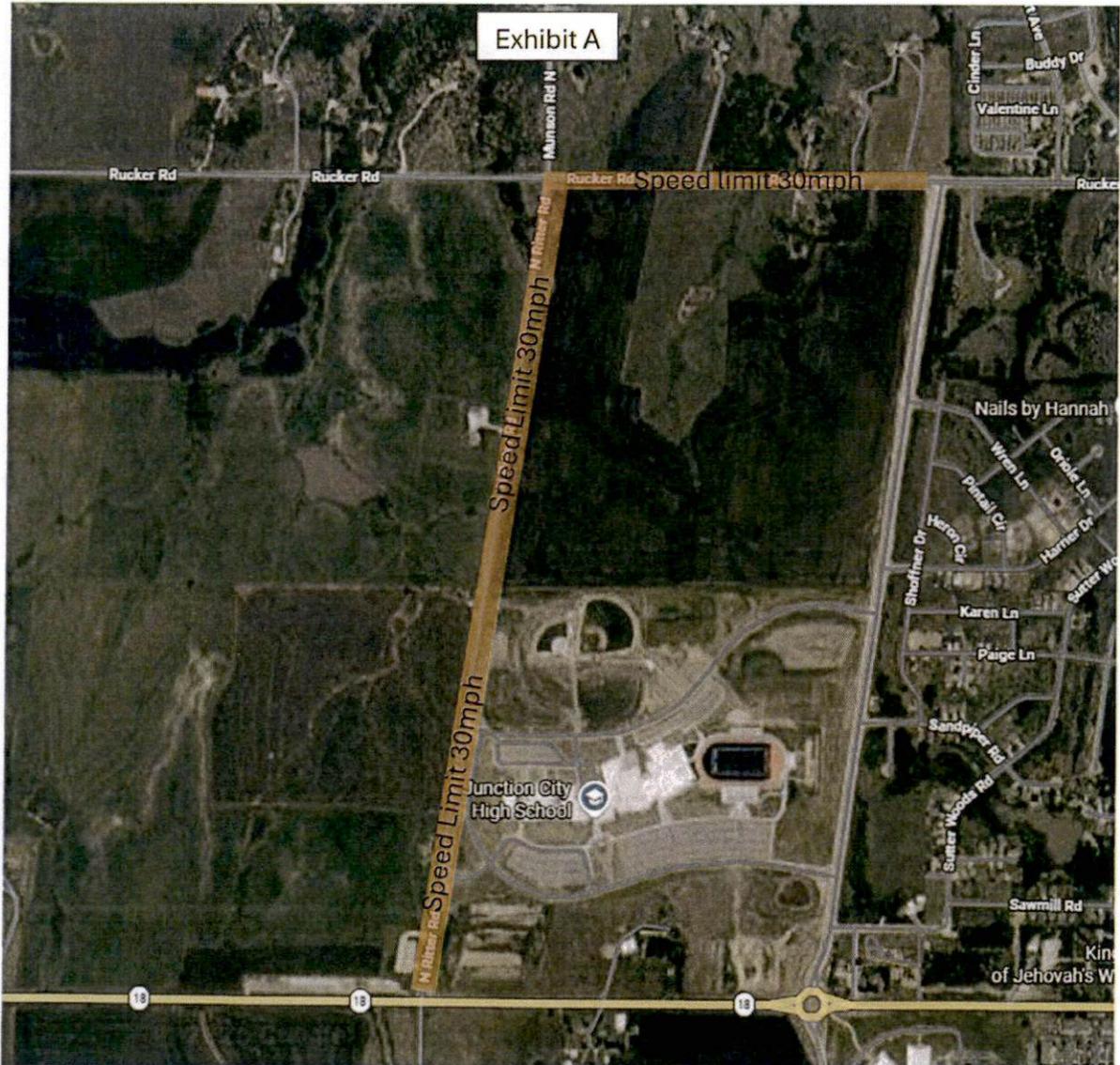
By _____
TRISH GIORDANO, Commissioner

ATTEST:

COURTNEY GILBERT, County Clerk

BE:County.Commission.Resolution.03/16/26

Exhibit A





Geary County Public Works

Jeremie Myers: Public Works Administrator
310 East 8th Street, Junction city, KS 66441
(785) 238-3612

REQUEST AND PETITION PROJECT ACCESS

Name of Requestor Don Sheffile
Property Location 2809 Mockingbird Rd Milford KS 66514
Date Requested 2/25/26
Proposed Project Placing culvert on property

COMES now before the Board of County Commissioners of Geary County, Kansas with plans to construct above mentioned project within Geary County right of way as indicated by the herein attached map and plans. Said Petitioner agrees that said project will be constructed and maintained according to the following:

1. Shall be reviewed and approved by the County Public Works Administrator.
2. Shall provide a copy of an Accord of Liability Insurance with Geary County listed as the certificate holder. This Accord of Liability Insurance shall remain current throughout the entire period that said Petitioner is working in Geary County Right-of-way.
3. Shall follow MUTCD's for traffic control when working in Geary County Right-of-Way.
4. Any and all areas that are disturbed shall be backfilled / compacted / reseeded and mulched.
5. That said project will hold the County harmless from any damage claims that might arise from said construction or maintenance thereof.
6. A detailed set of plans showing the layout of the access, to include drainage structure specifications / width of access / surface type / radii of access. To be included with the Request and Petition. All to be approved by County Public Works Administrator.
7. It will be the responsibility of the Petitioner to fund the improvements to the existing access.
8. It will be the responsibility of the Petitioner / Property owner, to include future property owners, for any future maintenance/repairs to access surface, to include future replacement of culvert.

Signed this 25 day of February 2026.

(Print Name)
Don Sheffile

(Signature)
[Handwritten Signature]

(Phone Number)
785 712 1376

Approved _____ 20 _____ BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commission Chair

Geary County Public Works Administrator

