

## RESOLUTION 9-1-2020

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect every aspect of life in the State of Kansas and every community therein, and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Officer and Medical Advisor/Consultant have implemented Geary County Public Health Order 20200819 in order to curb further community spread of COVID-19, and

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 65-201 and 202 have been amended by the Kansas Legislature to confer the power upon the local governing body, the Board of County Commissioners of Geary County, which acts as the local board of health, to: “. . . issue orders less stringent than . . . an executive order effective statewide . . .”; and the power to amend or revoke any emergency declaration upon review; and to amend or revoke any local health order upon review; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed Geary County Public Health Order 20200902 has been reviewed and discussed internally and in consultation with the health department’s medical advisor, and this Board acting as the Board of Health and under the authority of legislation passed on June 4, 2020 as HB 2016, does **HEREBY RESOLVE and ORDER** that Geary County Public Health Order 20200902 is amended as follows, taking into account those factors necessary to protect the public health and safety of the County:

### **A. MASKS**

- b. All businesses, organizations and non-profit associations must require all employees, customers, visitors, members, or members of the public to wear a mask or other face coverings when:
  - a. Employees who are working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
  - b. Employees are in any room or an enclosed area where other people (except individuals who reside together) are present and unable to maintain a 6-foot distance except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity

### **C. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

Businesses and other locations that are open shall comply with the following additional restrictions. For purposes of this Order, all businesses and locations are required to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers Responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), May 2020” and industry-specific guidance from trade groups. Nothing in this Order shall be interpreted to require that any business or location open if they choose not to.

1. All restaurants and bars shall screen each employee before each shift. This shall include asking about symptoms, travel, contact, and checking temperatures.

2. Drive-through, delivery, and curbside service at bars and restaurants may continue as allowed.
3. All restaurants and bars are limited to the following:
  - a. Consumption of food and beverages shall only take place at a table via seated or standing service.
  - b. Dance floors (including but not limited to temporary spaces obtained by removing tables or other objects for the purpose to allow people to dance) shall be closed.
4. All seated or non-seated parties must be placed at least 6 feet apart from other seated parties (between tables and/or booths), or when that is not feasible, barriers such as plexiglass or other partition shall divide booths or tables closer than 6 feet.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Public Health Order 20200902, which is to become effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020, is amended to order that its duration shall be for 14 days or until September 18, 2020, and the Local Health Officer is instructed to bring this matter before the Board of County Commissioners as the local board of health on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, for further review and consultation.

These amendments to the proposed Health Order dated 20200902, become effective on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 12:02 a.m.; in all other respects the Health Order is approved, and attached hereto, but subject to the amendments made and approved by this Order of the Board of County Commissioners.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.

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



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Keith Ascher

By *Charles Stimatze*, Member  
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