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PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER FOR HOME QUARANTINE

BY THE SHAWNEE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

For individuals with possible exposure to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

07/15/2020

The Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) has issued home quarantine guidelines for Kansans who have recently travelled and/or have possibly been a close contact to another person with a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19. Effective immediately, if you meet **any** one of the following circumstances, then you are hereby ordered to self-quarantine for 14 days from the date you returned from your travel or the day of your last contact with a case of COVID-19:

1. Traveled **within the United States** to any of the states and locations with known widespread community transmission as listed by the [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](http://www.kdhe.ks.gov).
2. Traveled **internationally** to the locations specified by KDHE and/or with CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice and restrictions on entry into the United States as listed by the [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](http://www.kdhe.ks.gov).
3. Traveled on a **cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15**.
4. Received notification from Public Health officials (state or local) that you are a close contact of a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19. You should quarantine at home for 14 days since your last contact with the case. (A close contact is defined as someone who has been closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes while the patient is symptomatic.)

HOME QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

Those who are under home quarantine should not leave their home unless to satisfy critical needs like acquiring food and other essential items. They should not attend school, work or any other setting where they are not able to maintain a 6-foot distance from other people. If a person under home quarantine develops symptoms of COVID-19 during their quarantine period, including a measured fever of 100.4 (F) or higher and lower respiratory symptoms like coughing or shortness of breath, they should call their healthcare provider and tell them about their recent travel or other COVID-19 exposure. Furthermore, if these symptoms develop, you are ordered to contact the Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD) at (785) 251.5715.

**IF YOU EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS – YOU MUST CONTACT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
(785) 251.5715.**

The Shawnee County Health Officer is issuing this quarantine order in accordance with current Kansas laws and regulations and consistent with current Federal and State recommendations for the purpose of protecting the public and preventing further spread of the disease. ***You must not come in contact with anybody until the full incubation period of 14 days has passed.***

TERMS OF QUARANTINE

1. You are confined to your home for the duration of the quarantine period.
2. You may not have visitors at your home unless authorized by SCHD.
3. SCHD could monitor your condition through daily phone calls.

It is very important that you comply with this quarantine order. Your health and the health of others depends upon it. If necessary, this quarantine order may be enforced by law enforcement at the direction of the Shawnee County Health Officer. Violating this order is a Class C misdemeanor. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129c, you may request a hearing in Shawnee County District Court to contest this Order. However, such request for a hearing does not stay or enjoin this Order and you are still subject to its requirements unless and until ruled otherwise by a judge.

If you have any questions regarding this order, please contact the Shawnee County Health Department at (785) 251.5700 or (785) 251.5715

Issued this 15th day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gianfranco Pezzino".

Shawnee County Health Officer
Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino