

RESOLUTION NO. 032-21**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS TO SLOW
AND REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, held on Thursday, April 29, 2021, there came before the Board for consideration the matter of establishing public health recommendations to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 in Johnson County.

The Board, upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted the following resolution, to-wit:

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the Johnson County Board of Health, issued Public Health Order No. 002-20, limiting the size of public gatherings, ensuring physical distancing, and placing certain other restrictions on activities and businesses to slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the County, which has expired; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2021, the Johnson County Local Health Officer issued a Public Health Order requiring that masks or other face coverings be worn in public and that physical distancing be maintained in public, all to slow the spread of COVID-19 within the County, which the Board of County Commissioners approved and which now expires on April 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and which results in serious illness or death among some who are infected; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has resulted in 45,194 reported positive cases of COVID-19 in Johnson County and the deaths of 646 Johnson County residents; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 endangers the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property within Johnson County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 also presents a serious threat to the continued effective operation of the local economy within Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, a significant proportion of eligible Johnson County residents have yet to be vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, eligible Johnson County residents are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County possesses home rule powers under K.S.A. 19-101 et seq., under which it may make public health recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer strongly recommends that the Board establish public health recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition and furtherance of the County's responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of Johnson County, and to slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19 within Johnson County, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to strongly recommend that eligible residents be vaccinated, that masks or other face coverings be worn in public, that physical distancing be practiced in public, and that Johnson County residents, businesses, and organizations follow the guidance and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment ("KDHE"), the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment ("JCDHE") and the Johnson County Local Health Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, that, the Board strongly recommends the following actions be taken, when and wherever possible or feasible, to slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19 within Johnson County:

1. Eligible individuals be vaccinated against COVID-19;
2. Individuals wear masks or face coverings within indoor public spaces;
3. Businesses and organizations strongly encourage or require customers, visitors, employees, and other invitees to wear masks or face coverings in indoor public spaces;
4. Individuals within a public space maintain 6 feet of physical distancing from other individuals, unless such individuals reside together or are known to each other;
5. Businesses and organizations strongly encourage or require customers, visitors, employees, and other invitees to maintain 6 feet of physical distancing from other individuals in public spaces, unless such individuals reside together or are known to each other;
6. Businesses and organizations adopt and apply additional mitigation strategies and practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19 that are appropriate for and take into consideration their respective operations and activities; and
7. Individuals, businesses, and organizations follow the current and continuing guidance and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (“KDHE”), the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (“JCDHE”), and the Johnson County Local Health Officer to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

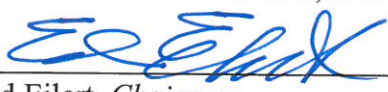
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board that this resolution is not an order of the Johnson County Local Health Officer, the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, or the Johnson County Board of Health under Kansas law or Resolution No. 108-20.

This resolution shall be effective at 12:01 A.M. on Saturday, May 1, 2021 and shall remain in effect unless and until it is amended, revoked, or replaced.

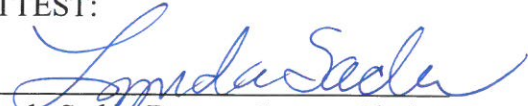
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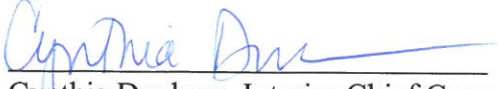
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS


Ed Eilert, *Chairman*

ATTEST:


Lynda Sader, Deputy County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Cynthia Dunham, Interim Chief Counsel

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