

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER FOR SELF-QUARANTINE
ISSUED BY THE COFFEY COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
(For individuals with possible exposure to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19))

March 25, 2020

Please be advised that the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) has issued home quarantine guidelines for Kansas residents who have recently travelled and/or have possibly been in 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:

- Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (currently California, New York and Washington state) on or after March 15. (See <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus> for the current list of US locations with community transmission)
- Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (currently New Jersey and Illinois) on or after March 23. (See <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus> for the current list of US locations with community transmission)
- Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin and Gunnison counties in Colorado On or after March 8.
- Traveled on a cruise ship on or after March 15.
- Traveled internationally on or after March 15.
- 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.

SELF-QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

For those who are under self-quarantine as the result of a contact as described above, you should not leave your home unless you are doing so to meet an essential need (i.e. to acquiring food; for medical care or treatment; and other essential items). If you end up under self-quarantine, it is also imperative that you immediately contact the Coffey County Health Department (CCHD) at (620)364-8631 to advise of your self-initiated quarantine due to your potential exposure to COVID-19. In addition, you should not attend school, work or any other setting where you are unable to maintain a six-foot distance from other people. If while under self-quarantine, you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, which may include a measured fever of 100.4 (F) or higher and lower respiratory symptoms such as coughing and/or shortness of breath, you should immediately contact your healthcare provider and advise your provider about your recent travel and/or other potential COVID-19 exposure. Furthermore, if the symptoms as described above develop, you are ordered to contact the Coffey County Health Department (CCHD) at (620)364-8631.

The Coffey 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 COVID-19 disease.

Please be aware of the importance of not *coming in contact with anybody until the full incubation period of 14 days has passed.*

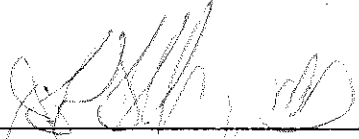
TERMS OF SELF-QUARANTINE

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 Coffey County Health Department.
3. Coffey County Health Department will monitor your condition through daily phone calls.

It is very important that you comply with this self-quarantine order if you meet the self-quarantine criteria as described herein. Your health and the health of your family, friends, co-workers, and fellow citizens depends upon your compliance with the self-quarantine guidelines. If necessary, this self-quarantine order may be enforced by law enforcement at the direction of the Coffey County Health Officer. Should a violation of this order occur and the Coffey County Health Officer have reason to believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, a contagious or infectious disease, the Coffey County Health Officer has the legal authority to order you into quarantine in an effort to minimize and mitigate the further potential spread of COVID-19 to others. A violation of the legal order to remain in quarantine is a class C misdemeanor. Should you be ordered to quarantine, you may request a hearing in Coffey County District Court to contest said Order pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129c. However, such request for a hearing does not stay or enjoin an Order for quarantine and you are still subject to its requirements unless and until otherwise modified or ruled upon by a Judge.

If you have any questions regarding this order, please contact the Coffey County Health Department at (620) 364-8631.

Issued this 25th day of March, 2020.



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