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Stay at Home Order issued for Coffey County

Burlington, KS- A Stay at Home Order has been issued for Coffey County. Beginning Thursday, March 26 at 12:01 a.m., residents will be directed to stay at home to help limit the spread of COVID-19. This order is in effect until further notice.

Under the order, everyone is directed to stay home except for essential needs, such as getting food, caring for a relative or friend, getting necessary health care, or going to an essential job. Vulnerable populations must stay home.

This step, adopted by several Kansas counties, is critical to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus in Coffey County.

“COVID-19 is all around us and will soon be amongst us,” said County Health Officer Dr. John Shell. “The more diligent we can be at self-isolation and social distancing the more control we can have decreasing transmission. The only things we can control is transmission. We need to act now!”

Non-essential businesses may continue operations if employees are able to work from home. Individuals identified by their employers as essential employees will be able to work on-site if they do not exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath).

Essential activities may continue and include:

- Obtaining medicine or seeing a doctor or other health care provider
- Getting necessary services or supplies for themselves, their family or household members such as food, pet food, or supplies necessary for staying home.
- Obtaining supplies for maintaining a household.
- Obtaining supplies necessary for working from home.
- Engaging in outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking, or running.
- Performing work providing essential services at an essential business.
- Caring for family member in another household.
- Caring for the elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities or vulnerable persons.

Essential businesses are organizations that provide the goods or services needed for an essential activity. These include:

- Hospitals
- Banks
- Childcare facilities
- Government Operations
- Pharmacies, health care supply stores and health care facilities
- Grocery stores and convenience stores
- Agricultural stores or stores that provide essential food and goods for animals
- Gas stations
- Auto repair facilities
- Garbage collection
- Hardware stores, plumbers, electricians, exterminators and other service providers necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences and other essential businesses
- Education institutions, for the purposes of facilitating distance learning
- Laundromats
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food and goods directly to residences

Should a company or other organization have questions related to qualifications related to an exemption under the KEFF essential functions framework, contact should be made with the following:

- Coffey County Emergency Management at (620-364-2721)

To view a the Local “Stay at Home” Order go to **www.coffeycountyks.org**.

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