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### **Coffey County to Follow the Recommendations of the Governor's Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas**

**Burlington, KS** - Governor Kelly signed a new disaster declaration on May 26, 2020 which changes the Ad Astra Reopening Plan from an order to a recommendation. Coffey County Health Officer John Shell recommends that Coffey County Residents and Businesses continue to follow the recommendations in the Ad Astra Reopening Plan. These recommendations place Coffey County in Phase 2 through June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The plan can be found at the following link:

- <https://covid.ks.gov/ad-astra-a-plan-to-reopen-kansas/>

"Coffey County will not be issuing any orders at this time; we advise our residents and businesses to refer to the Ad Astra plan for recommendations," Coffey County Health Department Administrator Lindsay Payer said. "We will continue to monitor the situation, but we are encouraging residents to take personal responsibility for their health needs."

The Local Health Officer strongly encourages all Coffey County Residences to take personable responsibility for themselves and loved ones by practicing the following:

- Social Distancing – Maintain six (6) ft. of distance between yourself and strangers
- Infection Control Measures
  - Wash Your Hands with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
  - Clean and disinfect all touched surface areas.
  - If you are sick stay home and call your primary care doctor
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- High Risk individuals are advised to continue to stay home except when conducting essential functions. (High Risk individuals include those with underlying medical conditions including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or otherwise immunocompromised).

Coffey County Health Department will continue to conduct disease containment activities with all positive cases in Coffey County. The definition of close contact is being within six (6) ft. or less for ten (10) minutes or more with a positive case COVID 19.

Coffey County Residents can stay informed by visiting:

- Coffey Health Department Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CoffeyCountyHD/>
- Coffey Health System: [www.coffeyhealth.org/COVID-19](http://www.coffeyhealth.org/COVID-19) or  
[www.facebook.com/CoffeyHealthSystem/](https://www.facebook.com/CoffeyHealthSystem/)

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