

EMERGENCY ORDER OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

Health Order #DK031821

This Emergency Public Health Order was originally issued on the 17th day of November, 2020, to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in Dickinson County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b and K.S.A. 65-202 and other applicable laws or regulations. This order shall supersede any preceding order(s).

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer is authorized and required, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b and K.S.A. 65-202, to immediately exercise and maintain a supervision over known or suspected cases of any infectious or contagious disease during its continuance, and to issue orders seeing that all such cases are properly handled and that the provisions of the Kansas public health laws as to isolation, quarantine and disinfection are duly enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer is appointed by the Board of Health and is authorized to prohibit public gatherings when necessary for the control of any and all infectious or contagious diseases, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119; and

WHEREAS on the 12th day of March 2020, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly found that a disaster had occurred, or the threat thereof was imminent within the State of Kansas as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the confirmed outbreak and person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Kansas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Local Health Officer and the Board of Health for Dickinson County, in reviewing the current conditions and situation that are prevalent in Dickinson County, and in the interest of restoring our communities and local economy, does hereby order the following:

Section I: WEARING OF MASK OR OTHER FACE COVERING:

1. Effective upon passage of this order, the Emergency Order the Public Health Officer #DK030421 requiring the use and wearing of masks in Dickinson County is hereby rescinded. This change is made as a result of the current conditions as observed by our public health personnel. It is noted by the Board of Health that the situation will continue to be monitored and should anything change that may again warrant the use of face masks to protect the public then this order could be reissued at any time.
2. The Board of Health has consulted with the Local Health Officer regarding the face mask requirements in Dickinson County and regarding Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's Executive Order #20-68 issued on November 17th, 2020, requiring the use of face masks in the state.
3. The Board has reviewed the Governors Executive order #20-68 as well as K.S.A. 48-925 and following said consultation and review, the Board finds that implementation of

the full scope of provisions in the Governor's executive order is not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county. Further, that the Board determines that Dickinson County shall opt out of the Governors order requiring the use of face masks and social distancing in public areas in Dickinson County.

4. Notwithstanding the above information and current conditions in Dickinson County, the Dickinson County Commission, acting as the Dickinson County Board of Health and the Local Health Officer strongly recommends, but does not require, that the citizens of Dickinson County utilize social distancing and the use of face masks in public areas, especially areas of high population and crowds, to maintain the current positive health status of our county.


Section II. Effective Date This order shall become effective upon passage by the Dickinson County Board of Health.


IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021, at 11:39 o'clock.

BOARD OF HEALTH
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Chairman, County Commission


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