Press Release: Reopening Framework for Thomas County

Effective 05/27/2020 at 12:01 a.m. the Governor’s previously issued executive orders regarding limitations and restrictions for businesses and individuals have been lifted. Specifically, the Ad Astra Plan to Reopen Kansas.

The Thomas County Board of Health, in consultation with the Thomas County Health Officer, Thomas County Health Department (TCHD) and Thomas County Emergency Manager, will not impose any restrictions on businesses or residents of Thomas County. We encourage all businesses to continue following industry specific standards and best practices. Governor Kelly retained 10 executive orders that TCHD encourages citizens to review. They can be found at the following:

Thomas County Health Department will continue to monitor health metrics provided by KDHE and provide updates to the public. The Thomas County Health Department retains the statutory duty of isolation and quarantine for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 as well as close contacts. In addition, travel restrictions imposed by KDHE will continue to be enforced. Traveling to a destination deemed restricted by KDHE will result in mandatory quarantine for 14 days beginning on the date of return. Current travel restrictions include: Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, been on a cruise ship or river cruise, or traveled internationally. KDHE is also recommending self-quarantine for those who traveled to the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri over Memorial Day weekend. This is a recommendation, not a mandate.

Residents and visitors to Thomas County need to remain diligent in social distancing as well as basic precautions like washing your hands, covering your cough, and staying home when you are ill. Continue to follow and understand guidance provided by KDHE and TCHD. Make the individual choice to protect yourself and others around you. Masks are not required but highly recommended. Businesses and entities within Thomas County reserve the right to enforce restrictions as deemed necessary by that business or entity.

The Thomas County Health Department reserves the right to revisit the situation and implement restrictions if a surge of COVID-19 cases emerges. This decision will be based on the situation at that time.