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Franklin County's Plan for Phase Two

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, KS – The State of Kansas has set the regulatory baseline for Kansas local governments in a phased approach to reopen the State, known as the “Ad Astra: Plan to Reopen Kansas.” Yesterday, May 19, 2020 Governor Laura Kelly signed Executive Order 20-34, which establishes modifications to the previous Phase Two of the plan, effective May 22, 2020. The Governor’s full press release can be found [here](#), Executive Order 20-34 can be found [here](#). Although local governments retain the ability to impose additional restrictions that are in the best interest of the health of their residents, Franklin County has no intentions of imposing any additional restrictions throughout Phase Two.

Beginning Tuesday, May 26, 2020 Franklin County offices will reopen to the public. Please note that several of the County offices will have restrictions or changes to their “normal” procedures in order to keep the public safe throughout the duration of this pandemic. These changes are still being discussed and will be publicly announced by Friday, May 22, 2020. For more information please check our website www.franklincoks.org and or the Franklin County, KS – Government Facebook page.

The Governor will continue evaluating the State’s progress during Phase Two and, if appropriate, issue a new executive order moving the State into Phase Three of the plan. According to her most recent announcement, this will occur on or after than June 8, 2020. Mass gatherings of more than 15 people will continue to be prohibited throughout Phase Two. All business/activities allowed in Phases 1 and 1.5 may continue to operate with the order’s outlined social distancing, mass gathering, and public health restrictions.

Establishments allowed to open in Phase Two:

- Fitness centers: In-person group classes will be allowed to being with groups of no more than 15 individuals at a time. Locker rooms should remained closed with the excetion of restroom facilities.
- Community centers: May open as long as they follow the mass gathering and social distancing restrictions outlined in the order.
- Indoor leisure spaces (i.e. theatres, museums, bowling alley’s, etc.): May now open as long as they follow the mass gathering and social distancing restrictions outlined in the order.
- Organized sports facilities, games and practices: May operate as long as they follow outlined mass gathering and social distancing guidelines AND follow guidelines established by the Kansas Recreation and Park Association posted on covid.ks.gov.
- **Graduations:** In-person commencement or graduation ceremonies may continue to occur with no more than 15 individuals in a room, gymnasium, or facility at one time so long as 6-foot social distancing is maintained. Outdoor drive-through graduation ceremonies during which no more than 15 individuals are in the same area outside of their vehicles at a time (i.e. school administration, graduate, family members, etc.) are allowed.

Establishments and Activities not allowed to open under the State's Order in Phase Two:

- Bars and nightclubs (excluding those already operating curbside or carryout service)
- Outdoor and indoor large entertainment venues with capacity of 2,000+
- Fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades
- Public swimming pools
- Summer camps

Individuals are still strongly encouraged to stay home whenever possible, wear masks in public settings, maintain a 6ft. social distance and continue to practice good hand-hygiene.

For updates and more information go to: covid.ks.gov and/or www.franklincoks.org/covid19 or contact Franklin County Communications Director Kaci Brady – kbrady@franklincoks.org