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Franklin County Issues New Public Health Order

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, KS – Today, Governor Laura Kelly announced a series of actions her administration is taking to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor’s full proclamation can be read [here](#). In response to the statewide changes, Franklin County Health Officer, Dr. Bud Ransom, has ordered that all persons, businesses, events and activities located in Franklin County, Kansas, shall continue to adhere to Governor Laura Kelly’s plan entitled, “Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas” and each provision of said Plan shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Order. The Order of Public Health can be found [here](#).

Franklin County will remain in Phase Two of the “Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas” until at least June 8, 2020. Dr. Bud Ransom, in conjunction with the Board of Public Health and County Staff, will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and move the County through the phased approach as appropriate. Mass gatherings of more than 15 people will continue to be prohibited throughout Phase Two.

Establishments and activities not allowed to open 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