

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, the existence and spread of the COVID-19 virus has resulted in the declaration of a worldwide pandemic, and it is appropriate and necessary to take quick action to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, countless governmental entities and private businesses have implemented numerous immediate actions and modifications to their normal course of business; and

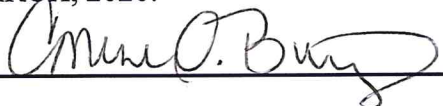
WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 19 CSR 20-20.050 Johnson County Community Health Services and the Johnson County Public Health Officer are authorized to take certain actions to enhance public health and prevent and mitigate the entrance of communicable diseases into the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES and its COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the COVID-19 pandemic is hereby declared to be a public health emergency for Johnson County.
2. That all large public gatherings of people in the County are prohibited. Large public gatherings are those with more than ten (10) people in attendance or anticipated to attend, both indoor and outdoor, except for governmental and judicial functions, daycare facilities, grocery stores, pharmacies, healthcare facilities, private business operations, religious and faith-based activities, weddings, and funerals. A "gathering" does not include normal operations at spaces where persons may be in transit or coming and going individually or in groups of less than ten (10) persons.
3. That all restaurants, dining facilities, bars, taverns, clubs, and movie theaters in the County are hereby ordered closed to the public, except that any such establishment may continue to provide curbside, drive-through and delivery food and beverage services. In all areas, establishments must follow the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for social distancing and infection control measures.
4. That this Order shall be in effect from 12:01 a.m. on March 20, 2020 until 12:01 a.m. on April 20, 2020. This Order may be extended, supplemented or modified as required for the effective and efficient management and control of the COVID-19 pandemic in Johnson County by further order or direction of the Johnson County Community Health Services or the Johnson County Public Health Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



Corrine Burgin, Chairperson



Mary Thaut, Administrator