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COVID-19 Updates: Mask Order, Phase 3, and Testing in Wyandotte County
New Local Health Officer Order Issued; Testing Hours Expanded

State Mask Order Adopted in Wyandotte County
We have adopted the Kansas mask order in Wyandotte County in place of our previous local order. Local health officials initially issued a mask order for Wyandotte County on June 27. A new Local Health Officer Order discontinues that order and adopts Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-52 requiring masks across Kansas, with the following amendment for Wyandotte County:

- The term “Public Space” includes public and private offices where more than one individual is congregating, workspaces where more than one individual is present, and any area of the office complex where more than one individual is present, such as a kitchen or break room.

For more information on Governor Kelly's mask order, go to: https://governor.kansas.gov/executive-order-no-20-52/

For more information on COVID-19 in Wyandotte County, go to wycokck.org/COVID-19 or call 3-1-1.

Phase 3 of Reopening Continues
Wyandotte County remains under Phase 3 of the Ad Astra reopening plan. We'd initially announced that our Phase 3 extension would go until at least today (at least two weeks from when the Local Health Officer Order was issued). This was not designated as an official end date, merely a minimum amount of time we would remain in this phase. The Order remains in effect as we continue to see high numbers of new positive cases.

See our latest COVID-19 data on our COVID Hub at wycokck.org/COVID-19

Testing Hours Expanded
Starting Tuesday, July 7, the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) will be changing its COVID-19 testing hours to Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM. This adds an additional two hours of testing time each day compared to the previous 1 – 5 PM schedule. We have seen increased traffic at our testing facility recently, and we are expanding our hours to accommodate this need. Our testing resources at the UGPHD are designated to serve Wyandotte County, and as such our testing site is open to people who live or work in WyCo and either have symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to COVID-19.

When people arrive for testing, they will be asked for:
• Their name and contact information (phone number, address) so we can contact them with their test results
• Information on any symptoms they are having or COVID-19 exposures (such as through close contact with someone who tested positive)
• Something to show that they either live or work in Wyandotte County
  o Examples of what people can bring to show residence or employment in WyCo:
    ▪ A utility bill, bank statement, or other piece of mail with their name and address
    ▪ Vehicle registration or insurance
    ▪ A pay stub
    ▪ A work badge
    ▪ A photo ID
    ▪ Other items clearly indicating that the person lives or works in Wyandotte County
  o We do not require people to provide a government issued ID, and we do not retain any copies of a person’s proof of residence or employment in WyCo
  o We ask for this because our testing resources are still limited, and the funding and supplies for our site are earmarked to serve Wyandotte County
  o People who do not live or work in Wyandotte County can find other testing locations in the KC metro here: https://www.comebackkc.com/kc-covid-testing-locations/

Please note, some clinical services provided by the UGPHD have been put on hold for the month of July in order to expand COVID-19 testing and support our efforts to address the pandemic. The majority of the UGPHD's other program areas remain in operation, with precautions put in place due to COVID-19. Wyandotte County residents can get clinical services like family planning, sexually transmitted infection (STI) services, immunizations, and laboratory services at several local safety net clinics. Please note, clinic hours or procedures at these locations may have changed in response to COVID-19.

As always, for more information on COVID-19 in Wyandotte County, go to wycokck.org/COVID-19 or call 3-1-1.

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