LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
LHO 5/1/20

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Emergency Public Health Order issued to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in Wyandotte County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b, K.S.A. 65-202 and other applicable laws or regulations.

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WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer is authorized and required, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119 and K.S.A. 65-129b to immediately exercise and maintain supervision over known or suspected cases of any infectious or contagious disease during its continuance, and to issue orders seeing that all such cases are properly handled and that the provisions of the Kansas public health laws as to isolation, quarantine and disinfection are duly enforced; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in Kansas and in Wyandotte County, resulting in serious illness and at least 735 confirmed or probable cases, and 55 deaths to date in Wyandotte County alone; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting epidemic in Kansas and Wyandotte County continue to threaten the life and health of our citizens and visitors as well as the economy and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government, the State of Kansas and the Unified Government of Kansas City/Wyandotte County, Kansas have all entered declarations that a disaster had occurred, acknowledging the threat within Wyandotte County, Kansas as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the confirmed outbreak and person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the United States, State of Kansas and Wyandotte County; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer has entered various Orders restricting public gatherings in the County, and restricting the operation of certain businesses and activities, and requiring that residents stay at home, all intended to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Kansas has signed various Executive Orders which restricted public gatherings and established a statewide “stay at home” order, effective March 30, 2020, until May 3, 2020, all intended to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, Wyandotte County has experienced a significant and notable transmission of COVID-19 despite the above actions and which require further restrictions beyond May 3, 2020 to prevent the spread of COVID-19: and

WHEREAS, the Mayor/CEO David G. Alvey formed a “Restart WYCO” Committee of health professionals and business leaders to make recommendations to the Local Health Officer on how to safely re-open businesses after expiration of the State Stay at Home Order;
WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer entered LHO 4/30/20 adopting a formal framework known as RESTART WYCO! to secure the health, safety, and economic well-being of Wyandotte County residents and businesses, and as direction and guidance for residents and businesses based upon the conditions which exist in Wyandotte County at various times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Local Health Officer, pursuant to the above authorities, that:

1. That the threat of COVID-19 and the steps necessary to prevent its spread vary based upon the locality thereby requiring a specific, measured and phased approach determined by data applicable to Wyandotte County, Kansas.
2. That RESTART WYCO!, previously adopted, and as may be amended, is available and posted on the UG website www.wycokckc.org.
3. That the current conditions in Wyandotte County, Kansas require implementation of the STAY AT HOME zone of RESTART WYCO! and compliance with its provisions are hereby required.
4. That this Order becomes effective at 12:01am May 4, 2020 and remains in effect until 11:59 pm on May 10, 2020.
5. This Order may be supplemented or modified as required for the effective and efficient management and control of the Coronavirus epidemic in the County by further order or direction of the Wyandotte County Board of Public Health or by the Wyandotte County Local Health Officer, as applicable.
6. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b, any sheriff, deputy sheriff or other law enforcement officer of any political subdivision within Wyandotte County, Kansas is hereby ordered to assist in the execution or enforcement of this Order, as amended or modified, as well as all other orders of the Local Health Officer not otherwise rescinded or superseded.
7. That this Order shall be known and referred to as LHO 5/1/20.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 1st DAY OF May, 2020

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Dr. K. Allen Greiner M.D.
Local Health Officer
Wyandotte County, Kansas