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RESOLUTION NO. B-6221

A **RESOLUTION** amending LHO 8/05/21.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

Emergency Public Health Order LHO 8/05/21 was 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. 65-201, K.S.A. 65-202 and other applicable laws or regulations.

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, should the Local Health Officer feel the necessity to issue an order requiring the wearing of face masks the local health officer shall propose the order to the Board of County Commissioners under K.S.A. 65-201(b)(2); and

WHEREAS, the order becomes effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and high transmissibility of the Delta variant continue to threaten the life and health of Wyandotte County citizens and visitors as well as the economy and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled rise in COVID-19 infections has created a dangerously low number of available physical acute care beds in local hospital facilities; and

WHEREAS, Wyandotte County continues to have exceptionally low vaccination rates with only 40.5% of County residents fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by experts that when vaccination rates are not sufficiently high, consistent and correct indoor mask usage is the next best form of mitigation against COVID-19 spread in a community; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control recommended that fully vaccinated individuals in parts of the country with substantial or high transmission of COVID-19 should wear masks indoors; and

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte County Local Health Officer has determined it to be necessary to issue an order regarding the wearing of face masks; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A 65-201 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, the Board of Commissioners shall have the power to review, amend, or revoke any order issued by the local health officer; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021, Wyandotte County Local Health Officer, Dr. K. Allen Greiner issued proposed LHO 8/05/21; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, the Unified Government Board of Commissioners amended proposed LHO 8/05/21; and

WHEREAS, amended LHO 8/05/21 is scheduled to expire on September 16, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:


1. That the Unified Government Board of Commissioners hereby amends LHO 8/05/21 as follows:

Section II. Lawful Order

1. This Order becomes effective upon approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS in accordance with K.S.A. 65-201 and remains in effect until 11:59 pm on November 18, 2021.
2. This amended Order shall be known and referred to as LHO 9/09/21.
3. The Mayor, the County Administrator, and the Unified Government's other officers, agents, and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action, as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS 9 DAY OF September 2021.

Attest:



Unified Government Clerk