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Local Health Order Aims to Reduce Community Spread of COVID-19

The Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) issued a new Local Health Order (LHO) earlier this week that became active today, Friday, November 20, at 12:01 a.m. The Order will remain in effect until extended, rescinded, replaced, or amended.

The Order was issued by UGPHD Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Allen Greiner, in response to a strong resurgence of COVID-19 in Wyandotte County.

Key aspects of the new Health Order are:

- Customers and staff in a facility, building, or room are limited to 50% of the space's occupancy load if social distancing can be maintained
- Bars and restaurants must close at 10:00 p.m.
 - o Patrons must remain seated when eating or drinking
 - o Parties are limited to 8 or fewer
 - Social distancing must be maintained
- Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited anywhere social distancing cannot be maintained

Masks or face coverings must be worn when in public. This Order does not apply to Religious Services or local School Districts. The full text of the Health Order is available online at wycokck.org/COVID-19.

To view the UGPHD's November 19 report to the Board of County Commissioners about the Order, and other COVID-19 updates, visit <u>youtu.be/_SrFJZjVd88?t=397</u>.

Businesses with questions should complete the **COVID-19 Health Orders Business Inquiry** form.

To learn more about Wyandotte County's COVID-19 response, access resources, and view information about how to keep yourself safe, visit wycokck.org/COVID-19.

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