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**Memorandum: Reopening Framework for Gove County**

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Effective 05/27/2020, Governor Kelly's previously issued executive order (EO 20-34) regarding the *Ad Astra Plan to Reopen Kansas* and its restrictions were formally lifted statewide, thus effectively placing each of Kansas' 105 counties in the position of determining their own best methods for reopening. Until today, Gove County has continued to operate under the previously released "Phase 2 Memorandum" released on 05/22/2020.

The Gove County Health Department and Gove County Health Officer – through careful consideration and consultation with the Gove County Commission and Gove County Emergency Manager – have decided to lift all formal restrictions and mandates in Gove County pertaining to COVID-19.

All local businesses and entities are encouraged to continue following industry-specific standards and best practices, such as those issued by the KDHE and CDC, and reserve the right to impose and enforce additional regulations and restrictions at their own discretion.

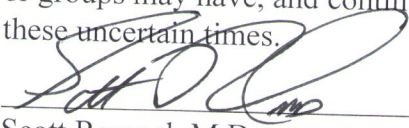
Additionally, the Gove County Health Department and Gove County Health Officer recommend a 90-person mass-gathering limitation and that all indoor spaces not exceed 50% of their maximum occupancy until at least June 15<sup>th</sup>. Travel to areas of Kansas and the region with high COVID-19 infection rates is also discouraged, though not formally restricted.

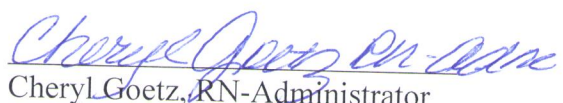
The Gove County Health Department and the Gove County Health Officer will continue to monitor health metrics provided by the KDHE and provided updates to the public as necessary. The Health Department and Health Officer retain the statutory duty of ordering isolation and quarantine for individuals who test positive for COVID-19, as well as their close contacts. In addition, a mandatory 14-day quarantine will continue to be enforced for individuals who travel to a destination deemed restricted by the KDHE. Currently, these restricted destinations include: Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, and international travel.

Residents and visitors of Gove County must remain diligent in social distancing and infection prevention practices. Gove County's continued success during this pandemic relies heavily upon its individual residents and businesses and their collective actions. In order to protect themselves and the community, residents are encouraged to continue the practice of frequent handwashing, the prudent use of masks in public, covering coughs and sneezes, and contacting their doctors' office and remaining at home if they feel ill. Travel within Kansas should be carefully planned.

The Gove County Health Department and Gove County Health Officer carry the responsibility and reserve the right to revisit the COVID-19 situation and implement new restrictions and mandates should a surge of COVID-19 cases emerge in Gove County or the surrounding area.

The Gove County Health Department and Gove County Health Officer welcome any questions that individuals or groups may have, and continue to sincerely appreciate the cooperation of the residents of Gove County in these uncertain times.

  
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