

RESOLUTION NO. 0910-2021

DATE ADOPTED: 3/24/2021

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County Local Health Officer Dr. Garold Minns issued Emergency Public Health Order No. 2021-4 on March 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners voted to amend Emergency Public Health Order No. 2021-4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has not taken any formal action to approve Emergency Public Health Order No. 2021-4; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Kansas Senate and the Kansas House of Representatives have voted to approve Senate Bill 40; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 40 will become law after any potential approval by the Governor or if the Governor allows the bill to become law 10 days after it was presented to the Governor, which could occur on or about March 28, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 40 would become effective upon publication in the Kansas Register; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 40 would amend K.S.A. 65-201 to where any order of a county's local health officer would require approval from that county's board of county commissioners in order for the order to become effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners voted to rescind or revoke Emergency Public Health Order No. 2021-4 on March 24, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners is established as the Board of Health within Sedgwick County under state law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners can utilize its home rule powers pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101. et seq. to make public health recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County has determined that it is appropriate to make the following recommendations for best practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within Sedgwick County.

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS that:

**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County strongly recommends that the following actions be taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- A. That individuals become vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as they are eligible;
- B. That individuals generally wear face masks or other face coverings in indoor public spaces;
- C. That businesses and organizations generally require customers, employees, and other invitees to wear face masks or other face coverings in indoor public spaces;
- D. That individuals would generally maintain 6 feet of social distancing from other individuals, unless they live in the same household or are known to each other; and
- E. That businesses and organizations generally require customers, employees, and other invitees to maintain 6 feet of social distancing from each other, unless they live in the same household or are known to each other.

**SECTION 2.** Under Kansas law, this resolution is not an order of the Sedgwick County Local Health Officer, nor is it an order of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon its approval by the Board of County Commissioners and will be in effect for 90 days from the date of its approval, unless otherwise modified or rescinded by a vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioners present and voting were:

PETER F. MEITZNER  
SARAH LOPEZ  
DAVID T. DENNIS  
LACEY D. CRUSE  
JAMES M. HOWELL

Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
NO  
NO

Dated this 24 day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

ATTEST:

KBA  
KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk



Peter F. Meitzner  
PETER F. MEITZNER, Chairman  
Commissioner, First District

Lacey D. Cruse  
LACEY D. CRUSE, Chair Pro Tem  
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