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Thomas County Health Officer
Mandate: COVID-19 Public Gatherings and Travel & Quarantine
March 24, 2020 at 15:00

Dr. Dereck Totten, Thomas County Health Officer is now mandating, a 14-day mandatory self-quarantine for Thomas County Citizens who have:

- Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (California, Florida, New York and Washington state) on or after March 15.
- Traveled to Illinois or New Jersey on or after March 23.
- Visited Johnson, Wyandotte counties in Kansas on or after March 19.
- Visited Leavenworth, Douglas, Lyon, Miami, Doniphan counties in Kansas on or after March 24.
- Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin and Gunnison counties in Colorado on or after March 8.
- Visited Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Weld counties in Colorado on or after March 24.
- Visited Jackson county, Missouri on or after March 19.
- Visited Clay or Platte counties in Missouri on or after March 24.
- Traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15.
 - People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their cruise ship travel should finish out their quarantine.
- Traveled internationally to any country on or after March 15.
 - People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their international travel to China, South Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran should finish out their quarantine.
- Received notification from public health officials (state or local) that you are a close contact of a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19. You should quarantine at home for 14 days since your last contact with the case. (A close contact is defined as someone who has been closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes while the patient is symptomatic.)

Any person violating, refusing or neglecting to obey any of the rules and regulations adopted by Kansas Department of Health and Environment or Local Health Officer Dr. Totten for the prevention, suppression and control of infectious or contagious diseases, or who leaves any isolation area of a hospital or other quarantined area without the consent, evades or breaks quarantine or knowingly conceals a case of infectious or contagious disease shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

Signed,
Dr. Dereck Totten, M.D.

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