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Franklin County's Plan for Phase 1.5

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, KS – The State of Kansas has set the regulatory baseline for Kansas local governments in a phased approach to reopen the State, known as the “Ad Astra: Plan to Reopen Kansas.” Today, Governor Laura Kelly signed Executive Order 20-32, which establishes a new phase to the plan – Phase 1.5, effective May 18, 2020. The Governor’s full press release can be found [here](#). Although local governments retain the ability to impose additional restrictions that are in the best interest of the health of their residents, Franklin County has no intentions of imposing any additional restrictions throughout Phase 1.5.

The Governor will continue evaluating the State’s progress during Phase 1.5 and, if appropriate, issue a new executive order moving the State into Phase Two of the plan. This will occur no sooner than June 1, 2020. Mass gatherings of over 10 people will continue to be prohibited throughout Phase 1.5. Businesses currently open in Phase One will see no changes.

The following businesses will be allowed to open under the State’s Order in Phase 1.5:

- Nail salons, barber shops, hair salons, tanning salons, tattoo parlors, and other personal service businesses where close contact cannot be avoided may open, but only for pre-scheduled appointments or online check-in.
- Fitness centers and health clubs may open, but in-person group classes may not occur and locker rooms must be closed except as necessary to use restroom facilities.

Activities not allowed to open under the State’s Order in Phase 1.5:

- Community centers
- Outdoor and indoor large entertainment venues with capacity of 2,000+
- Fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades
- Public swimming pools
- Organized sports facilities
- Summer camps

Establishments not allowed to open under the State’s Order in Phase 1.5:

- Bars and nightclubs (excluding those already operating curbside or carryout service)
- Casino’s (non-tribal)
- Indoor leisure spaces (i.e. theatres, museums, bowling alley’s, etc.)

Individuals are still strongly encouraged to stay home whenever possible, wear masks in public settings, maintain a 6ft. social distance and continue to practice good hand-hygiene.

For updates and more information go to: covid.ks.gov and/or www.franklincoks.org/covid19 or contact Franklin County Communications Director Kaci Brady – kbrady@franklincoks.org