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FINNEY COUNTY TO BEGIN PHASE ONE OF REOPENING MAY 11

Finney County, Kansas – Friday, the County Commission convened as the Board of Health and voted for Finney County to begin Governor Kelly’s “Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas” on May 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM at the conclusion of the local public health order on May 10, 11:59 PM. This decision will enact the first phase of the state plan to reopen. Phase 1 in Finney County will be from May 11 12:00 AM to May 22, 11:59 PM. On May 18, the Local Board of Health will reconvene to evaluate the last two weeks of health data metrics such as positivity rate, hospitalizations and covid-19 related deaths. The Local Board of Health will utilize this data for future Public Health Orders including the timelines of phases and regulations.

Please see the attached table outlining specific guidelines based on Governor Kelly’s plan, and align your business or organization to these restrictions. As Finney County begins the process of reopening, we want to partner with you in keeping all of our residents safe and healthy. **Business owners and organizational leaders can find additional resources from Finney County and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) with guidance for reopening, including employee screening forms, the local plan to reopen, and state FAQs at www.finneycounty.org/coronavirus under the “Plan to Reopen” tab.**

We urge our residents to continue to be vigilant and continue to practice preventative actions. Finney County has been proactive in combatting COVID-19, and we want to continue that trend. Please continue to limit your time in public places as much as possible. When in public, practice social distancing and stay six (6) feet away from other people. Wear a cloth facemask in areas where social distancing is difficult. Regularly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and use a hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol content when soap and water is not available.

If you are experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, call the Finney County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Hotline at (620) 272-3600, Monday-Saturday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. For more information regarding COVID-19 in Finney County, go to www.finneycounty.org/coronavirus.