



## News Release

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### **City of Derby COVID-19 Update: July 9**

Derby, Kansas – On July 8, 2020, Dr. Garold Minns, Local Health Officer for Sedgwick County, issued an Emergency Public Health Order that requires any person in Sedgwick County to cover his or her mouth and nose with a mask or other face covering while (1) inside any indoor or outdoor public space where distancing of six feet at all times is not possible or (2) in line and waiting to enter an indoor public space. This order takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 10 and is in place until midnight on August 9, 2020.

Since Derby is in Sedgwick County, all businesses in Derby must require customers, visitors, and members of the public to wear a mask or face covering when in their facility. Employees must wear a mask or face covering when (1) working in a space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution, or (2) they are unable to maintain six feet distance from others, except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.

Exceptions to this order include children five and under and others not able to safely wear a mask, as listed in the public health order. Read the public health order at <https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/media/57387/july-9-revised-order.pdf>

The order also calls for everyone in the county to adhere to Phase 3 of Governor Kelly's Ad Astra Plan, which includes limiting mass gatherings to 45 individuals in one location where social distancing is not available. Unless people are commonly known to each other, they must maintain six feet of distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.

Rock River Rapids aquatic park in Derby is making a few adjustments to adhere to this new order and will remain open. Rock River Rapids has been operating since June 8 at less than 30% capacity so is easily able to provide social distancing. Both staff and guests wear masks when safe distancing cannot be ensured.

"Given the few options available to slow the spread, the City of Derby appreciates Dr. Minns considering the data and the risks and doing what he and his medical colleagues believe is the best action at this point," said Kathy Sexton, City Manager. "We are all in this together and each need to do our part to get the economy back to full speed."

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