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City of Derby COVID-19 Update: July 24

Derby, Kansas – On July 22, 2020, the Sedgwick County Commission voted to uphold a health order by Dr. Garold Minns, Local Health Officer, with some revisions. On July 24, the County Commission amended the order again. Here's a summary of how all these actions affect life in Derby:

- Bars and nightclubs will be closed from July 24 through Aug. 21.
- Beginning Saturday, July 25, restaurants licensed to serve alcohol must close by midnight each night through Aug. 21.
- Masks continue to be required as they have been since July 9, except children age 11 or younger are not required to wear a mask. Children age two and younger should not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- People not commonly known to one another must generally maintain six feet of distance. People commonly known to one another may be located within six feet of one another in groups of not more than 15 people. Groups of 15 or fewer must be located at least six feet from other groups. Weddings, funerals, and graduation or birthday parties are subject to these limitations on public gatherings. If a wedding or funeral is a religious activity, it would be exempt from the limit of 15 people.
- Religious institutions and licensed child care facilities are exempt from the 15-person limit, but social distancing is encouraged and masks are required.
- Voters at the polls will not be turned away because of not wearing a mask.

Other key provisions of the order include:

- Fairs, parades and festivals must be canceled.
- Activities seating more than 2,000 people in a venue are banned.

These public health orders are being enforced in Derby. If you have concerns about compliance at a particular location, please call the Derby Police Department at 788-1557. Do not call the 9-1-1 emergency system. Please be patient over the next few days as our valued businesses learn about the new rules and make adjustments.

Rock River Rapids aquatic park complies with all public health orders and has been operating 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.

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Rock River Rapids will close for the season on August 11. Buy your tickets online at RockRiverRapids.com for your preferred session (12:30-4 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m.) Tickets for the evening session are just \$5 per person.

“We understand the County’s goal is to reduce the spread of the virus,” said Kathy Sexton, City Manager. “Complying with these public health orders will take some effort, and I’m confident Derbyites will take actions to support local businesses and promote the community’s health.”

Read Sedgwick County’s local health orders at Sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/local-orders.

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