

# **ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

## **Home Health Agency**

In Cooperation with the  
**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES**

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**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is considered an infectious, highly contagious communicable and dangerous disease and on March 11, 2020 was declared by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States constitutes a national emergency and the Governor of the State of Missouri declared a state of emergency within in the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2020, Missouri Governor Michael L. Parson directed Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Director Dr. Randall Williams to order statewide social distancing, and other orders to limit the spread of Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the White House Report for the State of Missouri on November 15, 2020, "The spread in Missouri is exponential and unyielding with hospitalizations increasing week over week. Increases from the past two weeks correlate with Halloween and related activities. With Thanksgiving and upcoming holidays, Missourians must understand the COVID-19 situation statewide."; and

**WHEREAS**, the November 15, 2020, White House State Report for Missouri states that "serious messaging and action are needed from the state leadership; recommending Missourians wear masks in public settings"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adair County Health Department in an effort to reduce the burden on healthcare providers, emergency workers and the educational systems of Adair County by reducing the transmission of the Covid-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adair County Health Department desires to avoid issuing a "shelter-in-place" order similar to that which was ordered in March, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the non-pharmaceutical interventions available, supported by an increasing body of scientific knowledge, strongly support the wearing of face coverings by all individuals in public spaces, with limited exceptions, together with remaining 6 feet apart from

non-household members, good hand washing, avoiding crowds and staying home when ill as the best way to reduce disease transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, the November 19, 2020, advisory provided by the Missouri Governor's Office and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services states that "success in fighting COVID-19 remains individuals going the right thing. To protect our families, our neighbors, our communities, and our ability to continue our daily lives, we need everyone who is able to follow these basic principles: Wear a mask at all times in public and other settings outside your home where social distancing is not possible."; and

**WHEREAS**, The Health Official of the County of Adair and the Health Department of Adair County, Missouri have the authority pursuant to 19 CSR 20-20.040(2) (G) To..."Establish appropriate control measures which may include...the creation and enforcement of adequate orders to prevent the spread of the disease and other measures considered by the department and/or local health authority as appropriate disease control measures based upon the disease...and any other available information related to the... disease or infection: and (E) Establish and maintain quarantine, isolation or other measures as required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adair County Health Department Board of Directors may make and promulgate rules or regulations as will tend to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases into and through Adair County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND ORDERED BY THE ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. When in a place of public accommodation or public indoor space (including but not limited to workplace, business, hotel, restaurant, place of worship, gym, childcare facility of public facility, such as a community center or library), individuals are required to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth simultaneously unless they can absolutely maintain a distance of six feet.

- a. Face coverings should be positioned carefully over the mouth and nose and should not be touched or readjusted until such time as the face covering is removed. Hand hygiene is encouraged before taking face coverings off and prior to re-masking.
  - b. Face coverings are not required inside a solitary, enclosed work space such as an office.
  - c. Face coverings may be removed in restaurants and bars when individuals are actively eating or drinking, but must be worn at all times otherwise.
  - d. Face coverings are not required when individuals (including but not limited to pastors of places of worship, key note speakers, and instructors), are speaking to a group, but only when those individuals can absolutely guarantee that they will be able to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet apart from all others during presentation.
  - e. An owner, manager, operator, or employee of an area regulated by this order may refuse service to any individual who refuses to wear a face covering in compliance with this Order, however, an owner, manager, operator, or employee of an area regulated by this Order shall neither require an individual to produce medical documentation verifying a medical condition or disability, nor ask about the nature of a medical disability.
2. When in a public outdoor space or when using public transportation, taxis, or ride-sharing services, individuals are required to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth simultaneously.
- a. A public outdoor space includes, but is not limited, to all outdoor public gathering places such as bus stops, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, farmer's markets and restaurant/bar patio seating areas.
  - b. Face coverings are not required in public outdoor spaces
    - i. when individuals are driving alone or with others they live with; or
    - ii. when individuals are exercising alone or with others they live with.
  - c. Face coverings are not required in public outdoor spaces when individuals can absolutely guarantee that they will be able to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet apart from all others.
  - d. Face coverings are not required when actively engaged in a sporting activity, but face coverings are required when players are seated on the bench, listening

to coaches, or engaged in other activities that do not permit maintaining a 6 feet distance between participants. Coaches are required to wear a face mask.

3. The following individuals are exempt from the requirement to wear a face covering:
  - a. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing;
  - b. Children younger than 5 years old; and
    - i. Children younger than 2 years of age should never wear face coverings due to the risk of suffocation.
    - ii. Children who are under the age of six (6) while at a daycare or school facility.
    - iii. Adjustments to the age requirements may be made based upon updated research indicating that younger children are not common sources of transmission.
  - c. Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

For purposes of this Rule, a face covering means a covering that covers the nose and mouth. It can be:

- a. A sewn mask secured with ties or straps around the head or behind the ears;
- b. Multiple layers of fabric tied around the head;
- c. Made from a variety of materials such as fleece, cotton, or linen, etc;
- d. Factory made or made from household items;

A face covering also includes a mask or covering that provides a higher level of protection than a cloth face covering, such as an N95 mask or surgical mask, although it is generally encouraged to use cloth face coverings to preserve access to these higher grade face coverings for health care providers and responders, who are assisting individuals during this virus crisis. Individuals who are medically unable to wear a face covering may wear a full-face shield covering the mouth, nose and eyes as an alternative to a face covering.

4. An owner, manager, or operator of any area regulated by this Order shall clearly and conspicuously post the requirements of this Order, including the requirement that face coverings are required for entry and must continuously be worn while present, subject to the exemptions and provisions stated herein.

#### **Enforcement**

The Adair County Health Department Board of Directors has full power and authority to initiate the prosecution of a violation of action under 192.300, Revised Statutes of Missouri. In addition, the requirements state herein may be enforced by the County Health Officer.

#### **No Conflict With State Order**

This Order shall neither be construed, nor operate to conflict with any applicable order issued by the Missouri Governor and/or Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

#### **Severability**

If any provision of this Order or its application to any individual or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

#### **Publication**

Pursuant to 192.300, Revised Statutes of Missouri, a copy of this Order shall be printed and made available for distribution to the public in the office of the Adair County Clerk and it shall be published in the Kirksville Crier and NEMO Trader in three successive weeks not later than 30 days after entry.

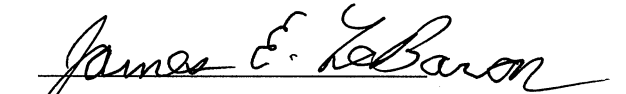
#### **Concurrence by Other Elected Boards/Officials**

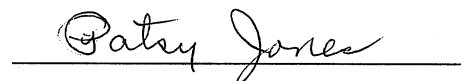
The concurrence of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Governing body of the town of Novinger, governing body for the town of Brashear, the Adair County Commission, the Leadership of the Adair County R-I, Adair County R-II and Kirksville R-III schools, and all institutes of Higher Education, and the head of Northeast Regional Health Center is

requested to emphasize the importance of this Order in protecting the health of residents in and visitors to Adair County.

This Rule becomes effective at 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Wednesday, November 25, 2020 and remains in effect until rescinded by the County Health Officer and the Board of Directors of the Adair County Health Department.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020

  
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Jim LeBaron  
County Health Officer  
Administrator, Adair County Health Department

  
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Vice-Chairperson, Board of Directors