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Stay Home Order

Governor Laura Kelly has issued a Stay Home order for the State of Kansas effective at 12:01am on March 30, 2020 and to remain in effect until April 19, 2020 or until the State of Disaster Emergency expires, whichever is earlier. This order may be extended as circumstances dictate. The Morton County Health Officer, the Morton County Local Board of Health, the Morton County Emergency Manager, the Morton County Sheriff and the Morton County Attorney are informing the public of the following:

This order is in place to try to keep our community safe and healthy during the rapid spread of the Novel COVID19 worldwide outbreak. All individuals within the state of Kansas are directed to stay in their homes or residences unless performing an essential activity such as obtaining food, medicine and other household necessities, going to and from work to perform an essential function (see partial list below), seeking medical care and/or engaging in outdoor activity.

Outdoor activity is permitted such as playing at the park (basketball or climbing on the jungle gym would not be recommended, however playing catch with a football or frisbee would be acceptable), going for a walk, golfing, hunting, fishing, etc. **as long as** you are able to maintain social distancing, meaning to *remain 6 feet apart from others in a group of less than 10*. Please use your best judgement and do your part, and as always, WASH YOUR HANDS with soap whenever possible.

Partial list of the Kansas Essential Function Framework (KEFF):

- Business providers of communication services (IT, Cable, Internet, Cellular, Satellite, Wireless, etc)
- City/County government services – police stations, fire stations, hospitals/clinics and health care operations, jails, courts, legal services, post office, garbage/sanitation, utilities
- Pharmacy
- Food: grocery stores, food bank, restaurants offering take-out, drive-through and delivery, no dining in
- Banks, tax and accounting services, insurance services
- Gas stations, convenient stores, liquor stores
- Fuel producing and delivering operations
- Daycares, cleaning and laundry services, providing housing/shelters
- Auto maintenance services, auto parts, hardware, metal and material suppliers
- Producing and providing agricultural products and/or services
- Hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments
- Churches, funeral or mortuary services

Although these businesses may be operating, they may also limit public access to encourage the public to “stay at home”. This is a condensed version; please refer to the official Executive Order for further details.

