

## **ORDER OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER**

Public Health Order 2022-001 is hereby issued on this 18th day of January 2022 to mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19 Disease all variants) in Cowley County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-122, and K.S.A. 65-129b (1)(B).

WHEREAS, the Local Public Health Officer is authorized and required, pursuant to K.S.A 65-119 to take appropriate actions to prevent the spread of infectious or contagious disease and is empowered and authorized to prohibit public activity necessary to control the spread of any and all infectious or contagious disease.

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-122, No person afflicted with an infectious or contagious disease dangerous to the public health shall be admitted into any public, parochial or private school or licensed childcare facility. It shall be the duty of the parent or guardian, and the principal or other person in charge of any public, parochial, private school or licensed childcare facility to exclude therefrom any child or other person affected with a disease suspected of being infectious or contagious until the expiration of the prescribed period of isolation or quarantine for the particular infectious or contagious disease.

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b(1)(B) the local health officer has determined that it is medically necessary and reasonable to prevent or reduce the spread of SARS-CoV2 through the use of a required isolation period for persons with confirmed SARS-CoV2 of not less than 10 days.

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) HAVE NOT provided empirical evidence that indicates that significant health benefits are gained by reducing the length of isolation from ten (10) days to five (5) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Cowley County Local Public Health Officer, pursuant to the above authorities that:

All current requirements for an isolation period of ten (10) days from the confirmed onset of SARS-CoV2 remain in effect for residents of Cowley County, Kansas.

The Public Health Officer will review SARS-CoV2 illness and recovery data on January 31, 2022 to determine if local community health data indicates that a lessening of the ten (10) day isolation period is warranted.