

Kansas Reopening Flow Chart

Federal

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CMS

GUIDANCE
RECOMMENDATIONS

SURVEY RESULTS
REOPENING
PROGRESS

RESPONSIBILITIES: CMS Administers the Medicare program and partners with states to administer the Medicaid program. Set certification/licensing requirements and quality standards for long-term care.

GUIDANCE: *March 13* – closed skilled nursing facilities to visitors, except in compassionate care and end of life situations. Guidelines remain in effect.

May 18 – gave states the authority to move forward with reopening skilled nursing facilities to visitors. Instructed state surveyors to begin in-person focused infection control surveys to be completed by July 31, 2020, and mandated infection control education for skilled nursing facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: May 18, recommended reopening skilled nursing communities phases based on a number of factors including availability of testing, availability of hospital beds, staffing levels, and number of COVID-19 cases. Gave states the option of reopening all skilled nursing facilities at once statewide or in geographic regions, or to allow individual communities to reopen as criteria are met.

State

Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services
KDADS

GUIDANCE
INFECTION CONTROL
& LICENSING SURVEYS

AFFIRMATION
REOPENING PLAN
COUNTY RESTRICTIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Address public health concerns in the state and declaring a state of emergency. Set a reopening plan. Governor assigned skilled nursing reopening plan to the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). Conducts surveys for CMS.

KDADS administers services to older adults, direct health occupations and credentialing/licensing. Set certification/licensing requirements and quality standards, and conducts surveys for Adult Care Homes, including assisted living, home plus and other facilities.

ACTIONS: Followed CMS' March 13 guidelines for closure of assisted living facilities to visitors, except in end of life situations. Focused infection control surveys at all skilled nursing facilities by July 31 and assisted living, home plus and other facilities by September 30, 2020.

GUIDANCE: *June 12* – released guidance for skilled nursing facilities to build plans for reopening communities to visitors in phases following the CMS recommendations. Directed communities to create a plan for testing of employees and residents and a plan for grouping residents by COVID status if there is a positive on campus. Skilled nursing facilities will be required to report on COVID-19 to state and federal agencies and to consult with local health officers on their plans for reopening.

June 17 – released guidance for assisted living, home plus and other facilities that follows the same guidelines given to skilled nursing facilities.

County

Local Health Department

GUIDANCE

REOPENING PLAN
COVID TEST
RESULTS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Set a reopening plan for the county and declare a state of emergency. 96 Kansas Counties have emergency declarations and have access to additional resources.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Addresses public health concerns in the county. May set policies that are more restrictive or loosen requirements to meet conditions in the county. Given responsibility for reviewing skilled nursing and assisted living, home plus and other facility reopening plans and monitoring transition through the phases of reopening.

Communities
Local Service Providers

Nursing Homes

RESPONSIBILITIES: Health and well-being of residents, employees and visitors to the community. Following certification and licensing requirements for skilled nursing and assisted living from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CMS and KDADS, and any additional guidance from their county health department. Report COVID testing to County, KDHE, CMS and CDC.

RESTRICTIONS: CMS guidelines, KDADS and county health officer mandates and guidelines. *March 13* – CMS guidelines for visitation. *June 12* – guidance from KDADS on reopening; County Health Officer recommendations.

ACTIONS: Create a reopening plan for review by the County Health Department. Prepare for focused infection control surveys.



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