

Public Health Order Enforcement

An **Emergency Public Health Order has been issued** to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in Douglas County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 65-119 and K.S.A. 65-129b and other applicable laws or regulations. The Emergency Public Health Order **prohibits mass gatherings of more than 45 individuals**. Mass gatherings are defined as instances in which individuals are in one location and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance between individuals (not including individuals who reside together) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.

IF YOU DON'T COMPLY

- You risk **violation of Ordinance No. 9811 of the City of Lawrence, KS**.
MAINTAINING A PUBLIC NUISANCE; PERMITTING A PUBLIC NUISANCE
(a) It shall be unlawful to maintain a public nuisance. Maintaining a public nuisance is knowingly causing or permitting a condition to exist which injures or endangers the public health, safety, or welfare.
(b) It shall be unlawful to permit a public nuisance. Permitting a public nuisance is knowingly permitting property under the control of the offender to be used to maintain a public nuisance, as defined in subsection (a).
(c) Any person violating Section 14-419(a) or Section 14-419(b) shall, upon an adjudication of guilt or the entry of a plea of no contest, **be subject to a period of incarceration not to exceed 30 days, a fine not to exceed \$500.00, or both incarceration and a fine.**
- You risk a **violation of KSA 21-6204** for maintaining a public nuisance or permitting conditions to exist that endanger public health. This Class C misdemeanor is punishable by **up to 30 days of incarceration, a fine not to exceed \$500.00, or both incarceration and a fine.**
- **University of Kansas students** also risk facing public health bans, the violation of which could result in **student conduct action.**

