

Quarantine and Isolation Guidance for Non-Congregate Sheltering Sites for COVID-19

Overview

This is a guidance document for the quarantine and isolation of certain individuals to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Alternate Non-Congregate Sites

Suitable college dormitories, hotel, and motel facilities to expand non-congregate sheltering capacity for specific individuals.

Population

Healthcare workers, emergency/first responders and public safety officials who are unable to quarantine or isolate at their domicile; community members who are homeless, members of treatment programs, or otherwise currently working in, exposed to, or living in congregate settings, except for those individuals incarcerated.

Processing for Healthcare workers, emergency/first responders and public safety officials who are unable to quarantine or isolate at their domicile:

- Individual is exposed and reports to employer who then contacts local County Health Department, or individual reaches out to local County Health Department to state they have belief of exposure.
- Local County Health Department identifies that individual needs to be placed in quarantine and has a valid inability to shelter in personal home due to high-risk individual in household.
- Local County Health Department reports situation to County Emergency Manager.
- County Emergency Manager provides email or letter on agency letterhead to KDEM citing:
 1. Details of the situation/need;
 2. Number of individuals requiring non-congregate housing assistance; and
 3. Reason that the local jurisdiction is unable to meet the need.
- KDEM reviews the letter and provides written approval or denial to County Emergency Manager.
- KDEM Logistics coordinates local non-congregate housing resource for individual and provides information to County Emergency Manager.
- County Emergency Manager provides information to Local County Health Department.
- Local County Health Department provides information and coordination for impacted individual.
- Local County Health Department provides suspension date for housing to County Emergency Manger.
- County Emergency Manager reports suspension date to KDEM.

Note:

- Local County Health Department will provide resource information and support to impacted individual for (resource assistance may be requested through the County Emergency Manager):
 - Dependent care
 - Pet care
 - Home care
 - Transportation

Processing for community members who are homeless, members of treatment programs, or otherwise currently working in, exposed to, or living in congregate settings:

- County Emergency Manger and local advocacy groups identify at risk populations due to congregate living settings and communicates concern with local County Health Department.
- Local County Health Department advises non-congregate housing for individuals.
- County Emergency Manager provides email or letter on agency letterhead to KDEM citing:
 1. Details of the situation/need; and
 2. Number of individuals requiring non-congregate housing assistance; and
 3. Reason that the local jurisdiction is unable to meet the need.
- KDEM reviews the letter and provides written approval or denial to County Emergency Manager.
- KDEM Logistics coordinates local non-congregate housing resource for individual and provides information to County Emergency Manager and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services.
- County Emergency Manager provides information to local County Health Department and local advocacy organizations as needed.
- County Emergency Management, local County Health Department and advocacy agencies provide information and coordination for impacted individuals. A list of individuals participating in non-congregate sheltering provisions is provided to KDEM for documentation purposes.
- Local County Health Department provides suspension date for housing to County Emergency Manger.
- County Emergency Manager reports suspension date to KDEM.

Note:

- Local County Health Department will provide resource information and support to impacted individual for (resource assistance may be requested through the County Emergency Manager):
 - Pet care
 - Transportation

Criteria for Admission

1. Exposure risk:
 - a. Verified by local County Health Department by emergency manager.
 - b. Travel to hot spot area(s) as defined by Centers for Disease Control, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, or local County Health Officer.
 - c. Any individual community members who are homeless, members of treatment programs, or otherwise currently working in, exposed to, or living in congregate settings, except for those individuals incarcerated at the recommendation by local County Health Department by emergency manager.

2. Individuals unable to quarantine at home due to high-risk person at home:
 - a. Immunocompromised
 - b. Adults over 65 years of age
 - c. Comorbidities
 - d. Chronic lung disease
 - e. Moderate to severe asthma
 - f. Serious heart conditions
 - g. Cancer treatment
 - h. Bone marrow or organ transplantation
 - i. HIV or AIDS
 - j. Prolonged use of corticosteroids
 - k. Morbid obesity
 - l. Diabetes
 - m. Chronic kidney disease
 - n. Liver disease
 - o. Expectant mothers
 - p. Newborn babies

3. Unable to financially cover independent quarantine

Criteria for Discharge

- Completion of assigned time in quarantine with no signs of symptom development if exposed individual.
- Approval to return to congregate conditions by local County Health Officer.

Requirements during Stay

- Adhere to policies, procedures, guidelines detailed in welcome packet as well as verbal direction.
- Self-monitoring and reporting of any signs/symptoms per local County Health Department or Kansas Department of Health and Environment guidance.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as directed while working or moving around in the community.

Amenities

- Room and board to include housekeeping and laundry
- Entertainment
 - Television
 - Internet
 - Radio