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Douglas County adopts Governor's Phase 2 plan in local order

Gatherings of more than 15 prohibited and bars, nightclubs and swimming pools closed through June 7

LAWRENCE – Douglas County's Unified Command leadership has agreed to adopt Gov. Laura Kelly's [current Phase 2](#) in a local health order to keep continuity in the local Smart and Safe: Reopening Douglas County plan.

"This gives people of Douglas County the message that we're going to stick with the current public health measures to guard against the spread of COVID-19 as part of a phased reopening, and we think it's a good plan that is working in our area," said Douglas County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Marcellino, who issued the [local health order](#) that takes effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, May 27.

The [governor's decision](#) earlier Tuesday returned health order decisions to the local level.

As part of Phase 2, mass gatherings of more than **15** individuals remain prohibited.

Bars and nightclubs, most swimming pools, large entertainment venues, fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades and overnight summer camps remain closed in Phase 2. Douglas County leaders would announce any restrictions for Phase 3 under a future local health order before June 8.

Through May 26, Douglas County has 63 COVID-19 cases (55 have recovered) since its first lab-confirmed case on March 16, and residents have lived under several local health orders since mid-March.

The Smart and Safe: Reopening Douglas County Community Scorecard is available [online](#), and it includes metrics that are helping guide the local COVID-19 Recovery Coordination Team's decisions on how to proceed with reopening phases or to potentially add restrictions in the future if necessary.

Members of the public can [read FAQs about Phase 2](#) at douglascountyks.org/coronavirus or ldchealth.org/coronavirus.

Anyone with questions about a public health order can email phorders@ldchealth.org.