

MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

On Campus  Online

March 19, 2020

MCC Residence Hall Students,

Due to our changing world, we are closing the residence halls at Manhattan Christian College, beginning Friday, March 20th. This decision has not come lightly and we know this is not how we envisioned the move out process. All that being said and with classes moving online next week, here is how we will proceed with the move out process. Please read the [attached/linked KDHE](#) updated mandate for quarantine and isolation of travelers, close contacts and those being tested before calling to schedule your move out appointment. If you have questions please feel free to contact me. (785)341-4494 or bgrogg@mccks.edu.

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Kenoyer Hall- Connie Hill- 1 (623) 418-6968

Friday, March 20th –Monday, March 23rd

You will need to call your supervisor and set up a scheduled time to move all your personal belongings out of the residence halls. Due to government suggested “social distancing” time slots will be limited daily so that we can limit the amount of people in the building at a time. If you do not call ahead and set up a scheduled time we will grant you access to the building when it is appropriate. You may bring up to two others to help you move your personal belongings out. You will need to check in with the supervisor once you arrive at the residence halls and they will give you further instructions on the move out process. You will have approximately 90 minutes to move your personal belongings out of the residence hall.

-If you are quarantined please call and let us know that. We will inform you on how to proceed with your move out.

-Please any library books with you so you can return them.



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March 18, 2020

KDHE issues new mandates for quarantine and isolation of travelers, close contacts and those being tested

TOPEKA - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is issuing new mandates today surrounding COVID-19, including travelers, close contacts of confirmed cases and those being tested.

KDHE is now **mandating** 14-day home quarantine for Kansans who have:

- Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (currently California, **Florida**, New York and Washington state) on or after March 15.
- Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin and Gunnison counties in Colorado in the week prior to March 15 or after.
- Traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15.
 - People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their cruise ship travel should finish out their quarantine.
- Traveled internationally on or after March 15.
 - People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their international travel to China, South Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran should finish out their quarantine.
- Received notification from public health officials (state or local) that you are a close contact of a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19. You should quarantine at home for 14 days since your last contact with the case. (A close contact is defined as someone who has been closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes while the patient is symptomatic.)

There is no need for returning travelers to notify KDHE about their return. Information on COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and states with community transmission can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

Home Quarantine Guidelines

Those who are under home quarantine should not attend school, work or any other setting where they are not able to maintain at about a 6-foot distance from other people.

If a person under quarantine develops symptoms of COVID-19 during their 14-day quarantine period, including a measured fever of 100.4 (F) or higher and lower respiratory symptoms like coughing or shortness of breath, they should contact their healthcare provider and tell them about their recent travel or other COVID-19 exposure.

Testing for COVID-19

Healthcare providers should evaluate exposure history and symptoms and call KDHE if COVID-19 is suspected. COVID-19 is a reportable condition in Kansas and all suspect cases should be reported by healthcare providers. COVID-19 testing requests can only be made by healthcare providers and local health departments.

In counties with known community transmission, currently Johnson County, testing will be limited to people hospitalized with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Johnson County residents with mild symptoms should isolate at home and away from others for at least seven days after symptoms started or for 72 hours after fever is gone without the use of fever reducing medications and symptoms have significantly improved, whichever is longer. Anyone with more severe symptoms should call their healthcare provider. Individuals who have mild symptoms should not expect to be tested at this time. Testing needs to be prioritized to the sickest patients who are seriously ill and require admission to the hospital. Excessive testing of patients with minor symptoms may put too much strain on laboratories and hospital resources. Since there is no treatment currently for COVID-19 testing patients with mild illness needs to be a lower priority.

People who are currently being tested for COVID-19 should remain in home isolation, or hospital isolation if symptoms are severe enough to be hospitalized, until test results are available. If the test result is negative, isolation is no longer required. If test results are positive for COVID-19, the person must remain in isolation until released by public health.

Prevention

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid spreading the virus and to avoid being exposed to the virus. The virus is thought to spread between people who are within about 6 feet of each other for at least 10 minutes through droplets from coughing and sneezing.

To reduce risk, everyone should:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces daily.

For more information, please visit the KDHE website at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus. KDHE has a phone bank that is staffed Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. The phone number is **1-866-534-3463** (1-866-KDHEINF). KDHE also has an email address for general inquiries, COVID-19@ks.gov. Please note these contacts are for general questions and cannot provide you with medical evaluations. If you are feeling ill, please stay home and call your healthcare provider.

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