

# Stevens County Kansas

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## For Immediate Release

### **Stevens County Shares Plans, Precautionary Cancellations and Postponements Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).**

As of March 17, 2020, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Stevens County.

Stevens County Commissioners met with multiple agencies on March 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss necessary actions to protect the health, safety and well-being of all Stevens County residents. Taking into consideration the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recommendations the following decisions were made:

The Stevens County Courthouse will be closed to the public, except appointment made by phone, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) March 18, 2020 until 8:00 a.m. on April 2, 2020. Department Phone Numbers will be posted by Stevens County Clerk and can be found on the County website [stevenscoks.org](http://stevenscoks.org) contacts page.

The Stevens County Wellness Center will be closed from 12:00 p.m. (noon) March 18, 2020 until 6:00 a.m. on April 2, 2020.

Other closing and cancellations:

Schools – USD 210 and USD 209 are on Spring Break this week and the decision to remain closed hasn't been made yet but will be made later this week. **\*\*UPDATE** GOV. KELLY closed all Kansas schools for the remainder of the year.

Recreation Commission – The Recreation is open at this time but recommendations to close it temporarily are being considered.

Senior Centers in Moscow and Hugoton – Hugoton has closed the dining room but is continuing preparing food and delivering it to Moscow and Hugoton homebound citizens.

Business – Currently, some restaurants are limiting their service to drive up windows or home delivery.

Commissioners are asking everyone to follow the guidelines issued by the KDHE and CDC. Currently they are limiting events to less than 50 and requiring a 6' space between attendees. Please reschedule or cancel events with attendance of fifty or more.

Good handwashing, avoiding touching your face and avoiding public places are the best way minimize you risk.

If you think you have symptoms, recently traveled to an affected area, overseas or have had contact with someone who has COVID-19, contact the Stevens County Health Department at 620-544-7177.