

Governor Laura Kelly Recommends Kansas Stay in Phase 3 of "Ad Astra" Plan

Governor Laura Kelly announced that her administration, as well as officials with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, recommend that communities do not move into Phase Out of "Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas," which was originally planned to begin June 22, and instead stay in Phase 3 for at least two more weeks. "Though many Kansans and communities have been social distanc-

ing, wearing masks, and working hard over the past few weeks to mitigate the spread of the virus, we have unfortunately seen an increase in disease spread," Governor Kelly said. "After consulting with Secretary Norman's team at KDHE, I have decided that our state is not ready to move into the final phase of the 'Ad Astra' plan until July 6, 2020, at the earliest."

The emergency disaster declara-

tion issued by the Governor on May 26 transfers reopening decisions back to local officials, which means counties continuing with Phase 3 of the plan is only a recommendation. However, the State continues to monitor health metrics daily, and remains committed to supporting local communities in a safe, gradual transition.

"My administration is dedicated to getting Kansans back to work and back to school, in the safest way possible. We can't do that if every person and community does not follow the Phase 3 guidelines," Governor Kelly said. "Please wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands often. Our state's economic recovery depends on it."

Key Phase 3 highlights for communities:

- Mass gatherings of more than 45 individuals are not recommended;
- All education, activities, venues and establishments may operate and are recommended to follow all public health guidelines;
- On-site staffing has no recommended restrictions;
- Nonessential travel may resume, provided travelers follow KDHE travel and quarantine guidelines for travel to high-risk areas.

As always, Kansans should continue to adhere to hygiene and social distancing protocols, including:

- Washing hands frequently, while avoiding contact with one's face;
- Remaining home when sick or running a fever.

Governor Kelly Announces Masks Must be Worn Statewide

Governor Laura Kelly today announced that she will sign an Executive Order requiring that most Kansans in a public space must wear a mask, beginning 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 3.

"This is a simple, proactive step we can take to keep Kansans at work, get our kids back to school, and keep ourselves and our neighbors healthy," Governor Kelly said. "Wearing a mask is not only safe – but it is necessary to avoid another shut down."

"Remember – my mask protects you, and your mask protects me," Governor Kelly said. "We're all in this together."

Under the order, most Kansans must wear masks in stores and shops, restaurants, and in any situation in which social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained, including outside. The EO will be released on Thursday, and will provide specific guidance regarding under what circumstances masks must be worn.

"I know Kansans will have many questions about this order – and we will answer them when it is released later this week," Governor Kelly said. "But by announcing the requirement today, people in our state will have the appropriate time to acquire the masks."

The Kansas Attorney General's Office will work closely with officials in Governor Kelly's administration to ensure that the order complies with Kansas law.

Historic Half Year

By Dr. Jim Haas

Halfway through 2020, to say it's been unusual would be an understatement. With all the washing, my hands have never been cleaner, though not so clean that I can read old college test notes I wrote there, as an online jester claims he can. The secret to my soapy success isn't to measure the minimum 20 seconds of scrubbing by singing "Happy Birthday" twice, but to pass 20 seconds by humming a strain of the "National Emblem March." Any march will do; with Independence Day this week, Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" is a patriotic choice.



The year started with a bang, literally, when our own government assassinated a top Iranian official and others with him, a violation of international law and a convenient distraction from only the third presidential impeachment in our 230-year history. To no one's surprise, the Senate Republican majority refused to convict Trump in spite of overwhelming evidence that he tried to bend our foreign policy to help his reelection. Not a patriotic choice.

These shocking events were followed by the most disastrous pandemic since the so-called Spanish Flu of 1918-19. That disease began in Kansas, spreading overseas with soldiers, but, because of media censorship during the World War, news of the sick and dying came from the free press of neutral Spain, hence the name. Now, news of the sick and dying comes every hour electronically and, after a deadly first spike then a few weeks of decline, cases are rising even more sharply, especially in those areas that didn't lock down effectively, reopened too soon, and don't require masks in public. We may be tired of the virus, but the virus is not tired of us.

With lockdown came economic collapse, millions losing their incomes and some jobs unlikely to return. Congress got its act together and passed stimulus bills to help the economy limp along, although it has so far failed to cover the states' lost tax revenue for essential public services like education and healthcare.

These disasters were followed by video evidence of multiple murders and brutalities of black men and women by police officers and others. People of every description protested, mostly peacefully and including many overseas, in hopes America will finally live up to its noble promise of equality for all.

All this is enough to make any year historic, and we're only halfway through. Questions abound. Will the Administration finally take the pandemic seriously and provide the leadership so far utterly lacking? Will the virus force stricter and longer lockdowns? Will office jobs now done at home stay at home, saving travel and office rent? Will Congress ensure that people out of work can pay their bills? Will schools open or will some form of distance learning have to continue? Will the fall elections allow us to steer a more progressive course? Will Whit Merrifield take the field?

Not everything unusual has been bad. We've had little severe weather. I've burned more gas in our lawnmower than in my car (well, almost). Greenhouse gases are temporarily reduced (but with record temperatures 100+ F in Siberia, temporary needs to be permanent). And with the handwashing, mask wearing, and little human contact, I've had no colds or flu and likely won't.

There is one certainty: to contain the virus until an effective vaccine is available, constant testing, avoiding indoor crowds, social distancing, handwashing, and masks will be necessary for the foreseeable future. And, as an online post said, "A mask is not a political statement; it's an IQ test."

Jim's columns are online at <http://greatsociety2point0.blogspot.com>

Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Guess what I got to do the other day? I actually went into a restaurant and sat down and got waited on. It was at Amigo's and Brian came to our table. Of course, he was wearing a mask. Thought he was a robber at first. Duh, no he was just being cautious because of all this stuff going around. The waitress had hers on too. My son John and his wonderful wife took me out to lunch, and I picked at two soft shelled tacos. Ate quite a bit of it. I have lost 20 pounds and haven't been eating much lately. At least I don't have to lay on the bed to zip up my jeans.

May as well tell you, Mr. Ed and I are getting a divorce and he has been gone about 3 weeks. Anyway, since the first week in June. June 25th would have been our 21st anniversary. That's the way it goes. But, I have my furbabies and my wonderful John and his lovely wife, Matilda, have been helping me out quite a bit. Just emotional and businesswise type of things. I guess in our older age our differences began to show up. It was fun while it lasted. One thing, being cooped up in our house for so long didn't help. I would take him with me when I delivered The Record and then go to the grocery store and whatever else we had to do. We would go out to eat, but with everything closed up it was back to our home and same ol', same ol'. You know older folks are, cranky, picky, cross, achy, creaky, etc. I used to have a lot to do, but not too much now. But, we still have our lives to live and want to live them as best as we can. So much for that.

The weather has really been great lately. Rain, here and there, sun here and there, the weeds are getting away from me in my yard. I tried to cut some down, but there it was, ta da! Poison oak, ivy sumac, whatever it is and boy did I ever stop. I have already had a small siege of it and sure don't want anymore. I got it to go away, but I am so susceptible to it that I am afraid to tackle any more of it. Denis Bailes, my neighbor up behind me, keeps the yard mowed, but those darn weeds are trying to take over. I get a kick out of Moosie, my rat terrier. There is a lizard out by the shed and he always runs around it looking for it. He runs through the weeds and I am afraid he will bring that stuff in to me.

I sure miss seeing my buddies that I played dominoes with. I talk to Darlene every few days, David too. Would love to go back down to the community garden and visit folks. Need to get that darn Digger repainted. Poor lil' guy. He is aging and is starting to peel here and there. Would love to just paint him all one color and start over on him. Wonder if I should put a mask on him? lol. Maybe it won't be long that I can renew him once more. Hope everyone is doing alright. This quarantine stuff is getting people down. It really messes people up. Their routine, their sports, schools, churches, restaurants, marriages, newborn babies, old folks, just about everything.

Well, my dear readers, friends and family, guess I will sign off and please be careful. Wash your hands, watch your p's and q's. I really, really, want to see you all again. Oh yeah, I did go into the BP gas station on 55th yesterday and got to see the two great ladies that work there. They were surprised. Finally had to get some gas because I hadn't bought any in ages. Really didn't go anywhere except on Tuesday. But, it just felt like old times again. Love you all, be kind. Your little ol' gal from Argentine, Sue



This is one of the 4th grade classes in Franklin elementary school in East Argentine. Sue Larson is in there somewhere. Ms. Barnett, the principal, is on the left. Ms. Wentler is on the right. Picture taken the year of the 1951 flood.



Two trucks checking the big electrical boxes. At least some people are working.



This is Lisa. She owns the print shop on 34th & Gibbs Road on Maple Hill. I have bought several things from her. Her mom has the shop next door. She prints big signs for business. They are straight across from the old Maple Hill shopping center.



Meet and Greet Adrienne Vallejo Foster

Adrienne Vallejo Foster, candidate for the 3rd District Congress, will be holding a series of Meet and Greet opportunities in Wyandotte County.

July 7, Piper area, hosted by Senator Kevin Braun, 4315 N 110th Ter, Kansas City, Kansas, from 5:30 to 7 pm.

July 11, Bonner Springs, hosted by The Fuel Stop, Old Mill Building, 611 W 2nd St, Bonner Springs, Kansas, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

July 12, Strawberry Hill area, hosted by Sarah's on the Hill, 612 N 5th St, Kansas City, Kansas, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

RSVP is mandatory due to COVID-19. Please RSVP to scashion@adrienneforkansas.com

Adrienne was born and raised in Wyandotte County. She grew up near 10th and Central Avenue. She attended All Saint's School and graduated from Bishop Ward High School in 1990. She played softball at City Park and Klopfer Park, and knows the tasty food from Casa de Tacos and Paul's Drive-In.

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SAN DIEGO (June 20, 2020) – Cmdr. R.J. Zamberlan, the commanding officer of the Navy’s newest littoral combat ship, USS Kansas City (LCS 22), reads his orders during the ship’s commissioning ceremony. The Navy commissioned LCS 22, the second ship in naval history to be named Kansas City, via naval message due to public health safety and restrictions of large public events related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Kansas City is homeported at Naval Base San Diego. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Alex Corona)

The Navy Commissions USS Kansas City

SAN DIEGO (June 20, 2020) – The U.S. Navy commissioned Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Kansas City (LCS 22), June 20.

The Navy commissioned Kansas City administratively via naval message due to public health safety and restrictions of large public gatherings related to the coronavirus pandemic and transitioned the ship to normal operations. The Navy is looking at a future opportunity to commemorate the special event with the ship’s sponsor, crew, and commissioning committee.

“This Independence-variant littoral combat ship will continue our proud naval legacy and embody the spirit of the people of Kansas City,” said Secretary of the Navy Kenneth J. Braithwaite. “I am confident the crew of the USS Kansas City will extend the reach and capability of our force and confront the challenges of today’s complex world with our core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.”

Vice Adm. Richard A. Brown, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, welcomed the ship that brings capabilities to counter diesel submarine, mines, and fast surface craft threats to the premier Surface Force in the world.

“Like other littoral combat ships, Kansas City brings speed and agility to the fleet,” said Brown via naval message. “Congratulations to Kansas City’s Captain and crew for all of your hard work to reach this milestone. You join a proud Surface Force that controls the seas and provides the Nation with combat naval power when and where needed.”

Mrs. Tracy Davidson, the ship’s sponsor, offered congratulations to everyone who played a role in delivering USS Kansas City to service.

“I am so proud of USS Kansas City and her crew, and everyone involved, for all the tremendous work they’ve done to bring this ship to life. Their dedication to our nation and the Navy is very much appreciated,” said Davidson. “I am privileged to be a part of this ship honoring Kansas City and look forward to remaining connected to USS Kansas City as her legacy grows, wherever she may sail.”

Kansas City’s commanding officer, Cmdr. R.J. Zamberlan, reported the ship ready.

“The caliber of crew required to prepare a warship entering the fleet is second to none,” said Zamberlan. “This is even more impressive aboard an LCS, where every member of the minimally manned team is required to fulfill multiple roles and excel at all of them to get the job done. This crew has exceeded expectations in unprecedented times and I could not be prouder to be their captain.”

Kansas City is the 11th of the Independence-variant to join the fleet and second ship to be named for Kansas City. The name Kansas City was assigned to a heavy cruiser during World War II. However, construction was canceled after one month due to the end of the war. The name Kansas City was also assigned to the Wichita-class replenishment oiler AOR-3 in 1967. This ship saw service in the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm and was decommissioned in 1994.

The littoral combat ship is a fast, agile and networked surface combatant, and the primary mission for the LCS includes countering diesel submarine threats, littoral mine threats and surface threats to assure maritime access for joint forces. The underlying strength of the LCS lies in its innovative design approach, applying modularity for operational flexibility. Fundamental to this approach is the capability to rapidly install interchangeable mission packages (MPs) onto the seaframe to fulfill a specific mission and then be uninstalled, maintained and upgraded at the Mission Package Support Facility (MPSF) for future use aboard any LCS seaframe.

Tom’s Tasty Treat

By: Tom Valverde

This week’s tasty treat is a gift from a close friend. She invites me to her home in West Plaza for lunch and dinner. One day she made the most delicious meal for me. And best of all, she tells me that they are a snap to make. You are sure to love:

Catherine’s Swedish Meatballs

Ingredients:

1/2 c Saltine Crackers, Crushed (about 10)
 1/4 t Black Pepper
 1/4 t Salt
 1 lg. Egg, beaten
 1/2 lb. Ground Beef
 1/2 lb. Pork Sausage
 1/3 c Flour, in a bowl add 1/4 t Baking Soda*
 16oz. Beef Broth

Fresh Mashed Potatoes to serve with the meatballs.
 The vegetable of your choice and a green salad.

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the first 4 ingredients.

Mix in the hamburger and sausage; mix until well blended. Try not to compress the mixture. Form 1” balls, then place in the bowl of flour and baking soda, give them just a light coating. * The baking soda will help the meatballs to brown.

Cook in a large frying pan with a cover, over medium/high heat until they are browned. Once they have browned, add the beef broth. Cover and simmer over lower heat for 6 minutes. Then, remove the meatballs, using a slotted spoon to a bowl.

Add 2t flour to the beef broth and stir until smooth. Let the mixture come to a boil and cook, stirring for 2 minutes, or until thickened. Return the meatballs to the pan to re-heat them.

Dinner is ready! In only 30 minutes or so, and with some mashed potatoes to take up the gravy, a real tasty treat. Catherine keeps the bowls of prepared salad in the refrigerator, and has the mashed potatoes waiting, on the stove. Try some soon. Enjoy!

New Feature In My Social Security Puts You In Control

By Cecilia Fields

Social Security District Manager In Kansas City, Ks

The future can be uncertain. However, Social Security’s new Advance Designation program can help put you in control of your benefits if a time comes when you need a representative payee to help manage your money. Advance Designation enables you to identify up to three people, in priority order, whom you would like to serve as your potential representative payee.

The following people may choose an Advance Designation:

- Adults applying for benefits who do not have a representative payee.
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If you fall into one of the above categories, you may provide and update Advance Designation information when you:

- File a claim for benefits online.
- Use the application available in your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.
- Call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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Guest Editorial

Wyco Chief Medical Officer Gives Local Coronavirus Update, Urges All To Remain "Personally Vigilant"

By: Tom Valverde

Health officials in WYCO are concerned about increasing cases of Covid-19 and have said that a spike in numbers could push the county back into a more restrictive phase. Covid-19 cases had been stable, just prior to Kansas City, KS reopening in phase 3, on June 8th. But, now, just a little more than a week, and the case

numbers have again begun to rise. Statistics going back to the start of the outbreak here, show 1,687 confirmed cases, and a total of 76 fatalities. Currently, there are 13 people in hospital. WYCO health department has the Coronavirus cases listed by ZIP code:

- 66102 - 451 cases
- 66104 - 292 cases
- 66109 - 197 cases

*As of June 16th.

Dr. Allen Greiner, Chief Medical Officer with the Unified Government's Public Health department, said he believes the city's reopening, is the cause for the surge in the number of cases. "We understand that being under Public Health restrictions has been difficult for everyone, but Covid-19 is still very much a threat to our community." Dr. Greiner recently gave an interview to KMBC 9 News staff, and this is where his comments come from.

The recent increase in the number of Covid-19 cases mirrors what is going on at the national level. The recent surge in illnesses has led to concern among Public Health officials that Reopening the economy has come at the cost of spreading the Coronavirus and will ultimately lead to more deaths. With only

3 months until the first week of October, and with the death toll at over 120,000, it is easy to see how forecasts call for over 200,000 deaths by early October.

Important Safety Guidelines: Dr. Greiner gave a reminder of good health practices to keep infections from spreading, Wear a cloth mask whenever out in public. Continue to practice social distancing - remain 6' away from others. Stay at home if suffering from frequent coughs or sneezes; cover them when out in public. Keep hand sanitizer in your car, wash hands thoroughly and regularly through the day. Dr. Greiner said, "We all must remain personally vigilant, and take personal responsibility for not spreading the Coronavirus to others."

Our numbers also mirror national figures in that here in Kansas City, Ks the Coronavirus has had a disproportionate effect in the minority communities, and especially among the black members of the community.

What is astounding is as the number of infections have increased in 18 states, Vice-president Mike Pence is attempting to "Gaslight" the American people by declaring that the Coronavirus is over! Pence actually wrote an Op-ed in The Wall Street Journal, where he claims, "There is no second wave" of Coronavirus. As if his saying so, would make it so! Amazing! Pence also blames the national media for inciting "panic," regarding a second wave of Coronavirus. The National and local media are only doing their job, to provide useful information from Public Health experts, out to the American people. A senior CDC official said of the Vice-president's comments, "I don't know what his source is on that information, but that is not accurate. "Our data shows that there continues to be spread, particularly in communities of color. "It's both higher rates and disproportionate numbers. "By State, the numbers are absolutely increasing, and they are increasing most in those states which opened earlier." Dr. Ashish Jha, Director of the Harvard Global

Health Institute said, "We may be done with the Pandemic, but the Pandemic is not done with us!" Dr. Jha credits the shift in concern to the words of President Trump. Dr. Jha said, "Americans are over it because of communication from the President, who has clearly moved on."

The Reality is that the virus is still with us. The reality is that the first wave only hit in a small number of places. Now it's coming to every other place. "Be ready! It's coming to a County, a City, or a State near You!" Dr. Jha said. Dr. Greiner finished his interview by saying, "Area Businesses must be counted on to "ensure that appropriate precautions are in place to protect their workers and customers." If Kansas City, Ks case numbers continue to rise, if there is a large enough spike, we will, unfortunately, have to consider going back to a more restrictive phase.

For more updates and Covid-19 information, go to wycokck.org/covid-19. If you believe you have symptoms or may have been exposed to someone with the Coronavirus, the WYCO health department has free tests in the Health Department parking lot, on weekdays, from 1-5pm. Take all necessary precautions to prevent this infection from further spreading. Take care and stay VIGILANT!



Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Gary Glidewell, passed away June 22, 2020. He was a graduate of Argentine High, class of 1957

John Hawes, passed away June 11, 2020. He was a graduate of Argentine High, class of 1959

Larry Alderman, passed away June, 2020. He was a graduate of Argentine High, class of 1966

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BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2018/2019	Current Year Estimated 2019/2020	Proposed Budget Year 2020/2021
General	1,531,053	1,106,377	2,768,830
Employee Benefit Fund	95,258	120,830	192,200
Totals	1,626,311	1,227,207	2,961,030

Lease Purchases:	2017	2018	2019
July 1,	0	0	0

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Recreation Commission Chairman



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