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COVID-19 Update Related to Public Events

In response to growing concerns with the transmission and spread of COVID-19 it is recommended by the CDC to suspend all non-essential gatherings larger than 50 attendees until further notice. **Per K.S.A. 65-119 Atchison County Health Officer, Lori Forge, is implementing a ban on public events per the guidance received from the CDC.**

The health and safety of our community is our top priority. Prohibiting large events is a preventative measure designed to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus illness. County officials will assess the prohibition on an ongoing basis.

Currently our residents are at low risk for infection from COVID-19 and there have been no confirmed cases in Atchison County. COVID-19 is likely to spread through droplets from an infected person's nose or mouth through coughing and/or sneezing. Below is a list of ways you can prevent illness:

- Wash your hand often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap isn't available
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs
- Stay home when you are sick

Stay up to date with COVID-19 information by visiting: www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus

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