

Atchison Co extends COVID mitigation restrictions

(KAIR)--The Atchison County Health Department has extended the county-wide mask mandate and the limit on mass gatherings in the county through November 24th.

The measures are part of the county's "Phase 3.5 re-opening plan", put in place to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

The plan was originally issued on June 23rd, but has been re-issued several times since.

It was set to expire on Tuesday, October 6th, before being extended that afternoon.

The order puts the limit on mass gatherings at 45.

Mass gatherings are defined as instances in which individuals are in one location, and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. This does not include individuals who reside together.

The order does not limit the total occupancy of a business, but it requires that businesses limit mass gatherings in areas in which physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Masks are required at businesses, with a few exceptions, including at fitness centers and health clubs, where they are not required during strenuous activity.

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