

Kansas 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Programs **COVID-19 Guidance**

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HCBS Congregate Settings Reopening

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency and reopening period, the agency requires that providers and participants proceed in accordance with Governor Laura Kelly's [Plan to Reopen Kansas](#) and corresponding [Executive Orders](#).

1. HCBS providers rendering service in congregate settings, or providing Day Support Services (T2021) HCBS or Adult Day Services (S5101) and (S5102) are to follow the guidelines below:
 - a. To open in accordance with Phase III of the Governor's AdAstra Plan to Reopen Kansas see <https://covid.ks.gov/ad-astra-a-plan-to-reopen-kansas/>.
 - b. To work with their local county health departments, officials, and release guidelines to determine safe opening practices for a vulnerable population.
 - c. Promote steps that prevent the spread of COVID-19 during the reopening process
2. Congregate sites may open if:
 - a. Fundamental cleaning and public health practices are followed;
 - b. They can avoid any instance in which their congregate members are unable to maintain 6 feet of distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
3. High-Risk individuals and older adults should:
 - a. Continue to wear face masks when interacting with other individuals;
 - b. Monitor health and potential symptoms closely and report any signs of COVID-19;
 - c. Follow personal hygiene guidelines, including frequent hand washing and other preventative measures.

Exceptions granted in this guidance shall be in place until a policy rescinding them is released

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