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**EMERGENCY ORDER OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER
MANDATE 20-02**

Emergency Public Health Order issued on this 26th day of March, 2020 to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in Thomas County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 65-119 and K.S.A. 65-129b and other applicable laws or regulations.

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer is authorized and required, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119 and K.S.A. 65-1296 to immediately exercise and maintain a supervision over known or suspected cases of any infectious or contagious disease during its continuance, and to issue orders seeing that all such cases are properly handled and that the provisions of the Kansas public health laws as to isolation, quarantine and disinfection are duly enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and is authorized to prohibit public gatherings when necessary for the control of any and all infectious or contagious diseases, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in Kansas, resulting in serious illness and at least two deaths to date in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the border of Thomas County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Thomas County Local Health Officer, all recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting epidemic in Kansas continues to threaten the life and health of Kansas citizens and visitors as well as the economy and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Local Health Officer, pursuant to the above authorities, that:

1. All restaurants, dining facilities, bars, taverns, clubs and movie theatres in Thomas County, Kansas are hereby ordered closed to the public effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 27, 2020 until 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2020, except that any such establishment may continue to provide curbside delivery, drive-through, and delivery food and beverage services pursuant to Kansas Law and Kansas

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Executive Orders operating in full force and effect. In all areas, establishments must follow the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and federal, state and local public health officials for social distancing and infection control measures.

2. All health and fitness centers in Thomas County, Kansas are hereby ordered closed to the public effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 27, 2020 until 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2020, except that any such establishment may continue to remain open, or reopen, if the business provides a compliance plan that is approved and signed Local Health Official, Dr. Dereck Totten, to keep all patrons safe and their procedures for complying with the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and federal, state and local public health officials for social distancing and infection control measures. Said plan once approved must be published at the entrance of the facility for all patrons to observe.
3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-129b, any sheriff, deputy sheriff or other law enforcement officer of the state or any political subdivision within Thomas County, Kansas is hereby ordered to assist in the execution or enforcement of this order.
4. This Order may be supplemented or modified as required for the effective and efficient management and control of the Coronavirus epidemic in the County by further order or direction of the Thomas County Board of Health or by the Thomas County Local Health Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Signed,
Dr. Dereck Totten, M.D.
Local Health Officer

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