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### Chautauqua County

Chautauqua County Medical Director Dr. James McDermott, DO along with Chautauqua County Health Department strongly recommends masks and social distancing to slow the spread of Covid-19. However, Chautauqua County will not mandate masks in public.

As we continue to take measures to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable and limit the spread of COVID-19, it is important for citizens to continue to take precautions as outlined below.

- Refrain from non-essential travel
- Practice social distancing
- Interact only with people of the same household when possible
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Vulnerable/High Risk individuals and senior citizens should stay home as much as possible

Symptoms of COVID-19 include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, chills, aches fatigue, loss of smell or taste, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea. Contact your primary care physicians with any concerns for further instruction.

Chautauqua County Residents can stay informed by visiting <https://covid.ks.gov>

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has set up a hotline for anyone with COVID-19 related questions. It can be reached at 1-866-534-3463 or email [COVID-19@ks.gov](mailto:COVID-19@ks.gov).