

## **GUIDANCE REGARDING EO 20-24 (EXTENDING STAY-HOME ORDER)**

**TITLE:** Extending Executive Order 20-16 to May 3, 2020

**DATE:** April 17, 2020

**TO:** County Emergency Managers; County Health Administrators

**FROM:** Kansas Division of Emergency Management

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This guidance is offered by KDEM for the benefit of emergency managers, health officers, law enforcement, affected businesses, and individual Kansas citizens.

### **Background:**

Governor Kelly issued Executive Order 20-16 on March 28, 2020, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by instituting a statewide Stay at Home Order effective until April 19, 2020. While significant progress has been made in the fight to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the circumstances requiring the establishment of Executive Order 20-16 still exist and Kansas has yet to reach the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic requiring an extension of the Stay at Home Order past April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **What the EO Does:**

- EO 20-24 merely extends the previously issued Executive Order 20-16 to expire on May 3, 2020.

### **Enforcement:**

Ultimately, enforcement is handled at the local level through the county and local health departments working with local law enforcement. Law enforcement officers enforcing this order should use their discretion and consider the totality of the circumstances as they determine appropriate enforcement action. Per Kansas statute violation of an Executive Order is a Class A misdemeanor and punishable by a fine up to \$2,500 and up to one year in jail.