

Travel-Related Quarantine Guidelines | COVID-19

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will issue regular **mandates** on travel-related quarantines for **international**, **domestic**, and **cruise**-related travel. People in Kansas are asked to quarantine for a period of 14 days starting from the day they arrive in Kansas. Regularly check this list to stay up-to-date on travel-related guidance. Please refer to the KDHE Isolation and Quarantine FAQ for additional information.

KDHE is **mandating a 14-day home quarantine** for anyone in Kansas if you have:

1. **Attendance at any out-of-state mass gatherings of 500 or more where you did not socially distance (6 feet) and wear a mask.** Mass gatherings are defined as any event or convening that brings together 500 or more persons in a single room or space at the same time such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This includes parades, fairs and festivals. Mass gatherings does not include normal operations of airports, bus and train stations, medical facilities, libraries, shopping malls and centers, or other spaces where 500 or more persons may be in transit. It also does not include typical office environments, schools, restaurants, factories or retail/grocery stores where large numbers of people are present, but it is unusual for them to be within 6 feet of one another for more than 10 minutes.
2. Traveled on a **cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15.**

I have traveled recently and meet one of the mandatory quarantine criteria above. What should I do?

Those who are under a 14-day home quarantine should stay home and monitor their symptoms. They should not attend school, work or any other setting where they are not able to maintain about a 6-foot distance from other people. If you become ill and need to seek medical attention, let your provider know that you have traveled recently or have been otherwise exposed to COVID-19. See KDHE's Isolation and Quarantine FAQ for more information.

How are these travel areas determined?



For countries outside of the United States, KDHE evaluates rates of diseases in those countries compared to the Kansas rate.

For locations within the United States, KDHE uses a number of sources of data including the number of cases each state has per population to determine whether the rate of disease is higher than the Kansas rate.

Currently, KDHE does not consider travel within Kansas as a criteria for travel-related quarantine. However, a local health officer may choose to include this as a criteria so you should be aware of your local isolation and quarantine criteria.

[Check this page routinely for more the most up-to-date information regarding travel-related guidelines.](#)

KDHE Travel-Related **Mandatory 14-Day Quarantine Areas:**

	Type	Effective Date	Where?
	Domestic Travel	September 10	Attendance at out-of-state mass gatherings of 500 or more where you do not socially distance (6 feet) and wear a mask.
	Cruises	On or after March 15	All cruise ships and river cruises

