

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

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HCBS Congregate Settings Reopening

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

1. HCBS providers rendering service in congregate settings, HCBS or Adult Day Services (S5101) and (S5102) are to follow the guidelines below:
 - a. Begin re-opening settings in accordance with the Governor's AdAstra Plan to Re-open 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.
2. **Procedures for Re-opening**
 - a. Congregate Settings providers must send their plans to safely re-open to their affiliated Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) for a review.
 - i. The plan must comply with, and adequately reference the provider's local health department(s) COVID-19 pandemic response plan.
 - b. CDDOs must review the re-opening plans presented to them by their affiliated congregate settings providers and may offer feedback to assist in ensuring an adequate plan with the referenced local health department(s) COVID-19 pandemic response plan.
 - i. The CDDOs, after reviewing and accepting their affiliate provider plans to safely re-open, must submit a data list to KDADS, copying the appropriate MCOs, including the names and locations of the providers that have submitted plans to re-open.
 - ii. The data must be communicated twice every month or as needed changes occur to KDADS
3. KDADS encourages high-risk individuals and older adults to:
 - 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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