



City of Westwood Hills May 2020 Newsletter

Johnson County Reopening Plan

The State of Kansas and Johnson County is using a phased approach to reopen the County in order to promote economic recovery, health and safety in response to COVID-19. Phase 1, in Johnson County, began on May 11, 2020, and continues for now. Beginning dates for other phases will be based on health criteria established in the [Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas Report](#) issued by the Governor's Office and will be announced as criteria are met.



Reopening Johnson County

A phased approach to promote economic recovery, health and safety

Planned to begin May 11

Dates for each phase will be based on Health Criteria established in the Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas report issued by the Governor's Office and will be announced as criteria are met.



The state has authorized business reopening in these phases. Contact businesses and other entities for specific available services and activities.

Gatherings	10 max	30 max	90 max	TBD
Restaurants	Open, 10 per table, 6 ft apart	Open, 10 per table, 6 ft apart	Open, 10 per table, 6 ft apart	Open, 10 per table, 6 ft apart
Casinos	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Gyms	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Barbers/salons	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Tattoo/massage	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Community center	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Big venues	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Fairs	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Graduations	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Swimming pools	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Organized sports	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Overnight summer camps	Closed	Closed	Open	Open
Licensed day care camps	Open	Open	Open	Open
Bars/clubs (drinks only)	Closed	50% capacity	Open	Open
K-12 buildings (online continues)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Libraries	Open	Open	Open	Open
Higher ed buildings (online continues)	10 max	30 max	90 max	TBD
Retail	Open	Open	Open	Open
Theaters, interior leisure venues	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Hospital care (elective)	Open to practitioners	Open to practitioners	Open to practitioners	Open to practitioners
Dentists and other care	Open to practitioners	Open to practitioners	Open to practitioners	Open to practitioners
Unless specified in executive order	Open	Open	Open	Open

This list is not exhaustive. For additional information, visit covid.ks.gov. For questions, call 1-866-534-3463.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Below are several resources for information on COVID-19.

Center for Disease Control - www.cdc.gov or www.coronavirus.gov,

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) - <http://www.kdheks.gov>

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) - <https://www.jocogov.org/jcdhe>

Johnson County COVID-19 Dashboard

https://public.tableau.com/profile/mapper.of.the.day.mod.#!/vizhome/covid19_joco_public/Dashboard

There will not be a May Planning Commission Meeting.

Vote by Mail

Due to increased interest in voting by mail caused by concerns about COVID-19, the Johnson County Election Office will send advance voting by mail applications to every active voter in the county. Voters will receive one application for each of the 2020 elections. Voters who return the applications will receive ballots by mail to cast their votes from home.

“As we continue planning for this year’s elections, the health and safety of our voters and election workers are our top priorities,” said Johnson County Election Commissioner Connie Schmidt. “We want to make voting by mail as easy as possible, which is why we’re taking this proactive step.” [Johnson County Election Office](#)

Please check your voter registration at ksvotes.org or at jocoelection.org (then go to Voter Look-up) to be certain you are an active voter. If you have moved to Westwood Hills since the last election, you especially need to double check.

Residential Yard Signs

The City has received several questions concerning yard signs. You can find the full City ordinance pertaining to residential signage, Ordinance 8-203(h), [here](#). Keep in mind that the City regulates signage in an effort to prevent hazards to life and property, to avoid visual clutter, to assure the continued attractiveness of the community, and to protect property values.

Under the terms of the City’s ordinances, a person may post temporary signs, such as political signs, For Sale signs, Open House signs, or Garage Sale signs, on the person’s own property, but not any on public property or right-of-way. Permanent signs are subject to the City’s Building Code and Zoning provisions.

The total signage area of all temporary signs on a residential property may not exceed 10 square feet, with no individual sign exceeding six (6) square feet in area. Signs may not reach higher than five (5) feet from grade level and must be at least eight (8) feet from the curb line. Additionally, temporary signs may only be posted for a period of ninety (90) days. Temporary signs may not block any sidewalk or driveway and may not obstruct the view of any drivers, especially at intersections. Additionally, signs may not be posted on trees or utility poles or street sign poles.

For an open house, up to three (3) Open House signs may be posted per listed residence for the period beginning thirty (30) minutes before and ending thirty (30) minutes after the time the property is open to the public. One Open House sign may be posted on the property being offered for sale or lease. The other Open House signs may be placed elsewhere in the City, but not on any public property or right-of-way.

Yard Sale and Garage Sale signs may only be posted on the day of the sale.



2020 Census

Every home should have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

There are three ways to respond:

Online, by phone, or by mail. Learn More [here](#)

May Yard of the Month (YOTM)

Congratulations to 2204 W. 50th Terrace for the May YOTM.



2020 Cost Share Program

The City received a grant from the County to encourage residents to plant new trees and native plantings (on buffers/swales). We encourage residents to consider whether new native plantings would benefit their landscapes. Prior to any planting, the homeowner must submit an application to the City, describing the planting project. If a homeowner's application is approved, the City will reimburse half the cost of a native tree, up to \$150.00, half the cost up to \$1,000 on native plantings and buffers/swales and rain gardens, and half the cost up to \$1,000 for permeable pavement. All are limited to a maximum of one application per resident. However, homeowners may apply for an additional native tree after October 20, 2020, if funds remain. There is a limited amount of money, and first come, first served. **Projects requiring vegetation must be installed and completed by October 31, 2020 to promote establishment of the plantings. Native tree planting will be allowed until November 30, 2020.** Click [here](#) for the application.

Construction and Other Vehicle Parking

Please ask your contractors and other visitors to park only on the authorized side of the street. If you see any illegal parking on your street, please ask the driver to move the vehicle, or call the non-emergency line for Westwood Police. Violators will be ticketed.

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The City recently filed its 2019 annual report to KDHE on the City's Stormwater Management Plan activities. Click [here](#) to read the City's Stormwater Management Plan, and [here](#) to read the 2019 annual report. Citizens may send comments regarding the

Google Drive for City Council Meeting Documents

The City has a Google Drive where the City Council Meeting Documents are available to view. Click [here](#) for the drive. The link to the drive is also available via the Westwood Hills Website <http://westwoodhills.org>.

June Meetings

The June regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The June Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

Both meetings are held at Westwood City Hall - 4700 Rainbow Boulevard.

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