Safe Property Management Training

Real Life Problems. Real Life Solutions.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Shawnee County Health Department, 2600 SW East Circle Drive
$50 | Advance Registration Required

Join Safe Streets and our community partners for a training comprised of important, updated information on issues affecting you, as rental property owners, managers and workers.

Presentations will include experts in the following areas: Property Maintenance (Code Enforcement), Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Narcotics Recognition, Animal Control and Legal Issues among others.

Ideal Training for:
- Apartment/Rental Property Managers
- Property Maintenance Workers
- Landlords
- Those considering becoming landlords

SAFE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________ City ____________ State ______ ZIP ________

Business ____________________________________________ Phone ________________________________

E-mail Address ________________________________________________________

Cost is $50 per person, only lunch and bottled water provided Amount Enclosed ______

Dietary restrictions _____________________________________________

MASKS ARE REQUIRED—SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE SET UP

Registration due by Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Send registration to Safe Streets, 2209 SW 29th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66611-1908.
Questions? Call 266.4606 or email jwilson@safestreets.org

Registration will not be refunded if cancelled 5 or fewer days before program.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you need accommodations, please call 266.4606 for arrangements.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
2/24/2022

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Division Manager/PIO
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Mobile (785) 806-6310

MEDIA RELEASE

Updated COVID-19 Recommendations from Local Health Officer

Topeka, Kan. – With significant improvements in all Shawnee County COVID-19 metrics over the last four weeks Shawnee County Health Officer, Dr. Erin Locke, has issued updated recommendations to continue the mitigation of COVID-19 in the Shawnee County community. Several previously recommended mitigation strategies have been removed due to the improved community situation, including the following:

- Recommendations to prepare for staffing and supply chain shortages
- Recommendation to Board of Health to institute a mask mandate
- Recommendation to reschedule or move events and meetings to virtual settings
- Recommendation to limit in-person attendance to 50%
- Recommendation to avoid crowds
- Recommendation to work from home

These updated recommendations continue to be in accordance with recommendations from both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the State of Kansas. Recommendations continue to focus on the primary mitigation measures that have been shown to have the greatest impact on reducing the spread of COVID-19. Employers, organizations and individuals should continue the practice of conducting risk assessments to gauge necessary mitigation strategies for their particular environment and situations.

Vaccination continues to be one of our best tools at combating COVID-19, as such, the SCHD continues to strongly encourage residents to protect themselves by getting a COVID-19 vaccine and subsequent booster dose once they are eligible. At this time, individuals aged 5 and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and individuals aged 12 and older are eligible for a booster dose. Currently, 60% of the population in Shawnee County has completed a primary vaccine series and 66% has received at least one vaccine dose. Many opportunities to receive a COVID-19 vaccine continue to exist in our community and can be found easily through the CDC’s Vaccine tool.

Testing continues to be available and free to Shawnee County residents. To find a location near you, visit www.knowbeforeyougokks.com, find locations on the SCHD testing webpage here, or contact your healthcare provider.

Healthy People – Healthy Environment – Healthy Shawnee County
Questions regarding the Health Officer Recommendations can be sent to HAAdmin@snco.us or by calling 785.251.4949. Questions regarding COVID-19 vaccine can be sent to CovidVaccine@snco.us.

Attachment:
COVID-19 Recommendations from the Local Health Officer (2/24/2022)

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Shawnee County Health Department is committed to working in partnership with our community to promote and protect the optimal health of all people by bridging gaps to eliminate health inequities, respecting the diversity of our community, through adaptive and innovative processes.

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COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

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Local health officer recommendations issued on this 24th day of February 2022 to mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) in Shawnee County, Kansas.

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On the 31st day of January 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency from Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). In recognition of the continued consequences of the pandemic, this national public health emergency remains in effect.

On the 19th day of August 2021, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Shawnee County, Kansas declared a state of local disaster emergency pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932, the same has been extended to March 31, 2022 (Resolution No. 2021-118).

COVID-19 has resulted in 47,614 reported positive cases and 560 deaths of Shawnee County residents. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that continues to mutate into variants, including Omicron, which spread easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death.

The highly transmissible Omicron variant led to a rapid surge of new cases, hospitalizations and deaths in January 2022. Fortunately, as the local situation improves, certain mitigation measures can now be safely lifted. Following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the local health officer continues to recommend the following measures.

GENERAL PUBLIC

WHEN YOU ARE FEELING SICK

- Stay home so you don’t spread illness to others.
- Get tested as soon as possible.
- If your test is positive:
  - Do not return to work, school or other activities until isolation is complete (see below).
  - Notify your close contacts that they have been exposed.
  - Contact your healthcare provider if you are high risk for severe disease (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html).
TEST FREQUENTLY
• Monitor for symptoms and test immediately if symptoms develop.
• If you have been exposed, test 5 days after exposure, regardless of symptoms.
• Find a test on knowbeforeyougoks.com

WEAR YOUR MASK
• When indoors in public spaces
• When outdoor settings are crowded and distancing is difficult to maintain
• When using public transportation, taxis or ride-sharing services
• Upgrade your mask to a well-fitting medical procedure mask or KN95.

GET YOUR VACCINE
• All eligible individuals who are not yet vaccinated should receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
• All individuals should receive a vaccine booster if:
  • 5 months or longer since completion of a Pfizer or Moderna primary series
  • 2 months or longer since completion of the Janssen (J&J) primary series
  • Find your vaccine on vaccines.gov

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE
• Remember 5 + 5 = 10
• 5 days at home + 5 days wearing a well-fitting mask
• If unable to wear a mask, stay home for 10 days
• More detailed information available at https://www.snco.us/hd/

HYGIENE
• Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
• Cover your coughs and sneezes.
• Clean high-touch surfaces regularly.

BUSINESSES

STRENGTHEN INFECTION CONTROL
• Send employees home when sick.
• Utilize sick time policies.
• Follow isolation and quarantine timelines.
• Require patron-facing employees to wear masks.

Healthy People -- Healthy Environment -- Healthy Shawnee County
Shawnee County Recommendations
February 24, 2022

- Optimize physical distancing for employees and patrons.
- Continue cleaning and disinfection, particularly “high-touch” surfaces.
- Review further guidance at https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus

OPTIMIZE VENTILATION
- Ensure the HVAC system is maintained, regularly change filters and circulate air with fans.

MASS GATHERINGS AND OTHER EVENTS

LIMIT CROWD SIZE
- Ensure physical distancing of at least 6 feet between households

OPTIMIZE VENTILATION
- Ensure the HVAC system is maintained, regularly change filters and circulate air with fans.
- Hold outdoors, weather permitting.

REQUIRE MASKS
- In all indoor spaces
- When outdoor settings are crowded and distancing is difficult to maintain

Erin Locke, MD, MPH
Shawnee County Health Officer

Healthy People – Healthy Environment – Healthy Shawnee County
For Immediate Release

Media Contact:
Shelley Robertson
Development Director
785.408.9100 C

**Salvation Army Provides Warming Center**

**Corps community center in Topeka available during cold weather.**

Topeka, KS (Feb. 10, 2022) - With some of the coldest temperatures experienced so far this winter season hitting the Topeka area, The Salvation Army has its doors open as a warming center and every day for the rest of the winter if temperatures dip to 20 degrees or below.

The Salvation Army at 1320 SE 6th Street will open as a warming center from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays and from 10 am to 1 pm on Sundays.

Every person utilizing the warming center will receive a bag containing water, light snacks, and cold weather safety information.

"We know people need a warm place to stay in during the day with these extremely cold temperatures, and we wanted to take steps to provide those locations while also maintaining as much of a safe space as possible," said Capt. Cristian Lopez

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**About The Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army annually helps nearly 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operation around the country. In the first-ever listing of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Salvation Army ranked as the country's largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information about the Kansas and Western Missouri Division, visit SalArmyMoKan.org. Follow us on Twitter: @SalArmyMoKan and #DoingTheMostGood.
SHAWNEE COUNTY
BABY BASICS
PRENATAL CLASSES

Becoming a Mom® Group Prenatal Education

Whether you are experiencing a pregnancy for the first time or the fourth time, each experience is different and can create new challenges and concerns!

Interact with other pregnant women and find out more about common pregnancy experiences including what to expect during labor and delivery, how to be successful with breastfeeding, and how to calm your baby.

Classes are held at the Health Department.

Free sessions!

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Share your experiences and learn!

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Earn rewards!

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Next Session:
Wednesdays
March 30th – May 4th
3:30-5:30p.m.

Register today!
babybasics@snco.us

SHAWNEE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2600 SW East Circle Drive
Topeka, KS 66606
785-251-5647
www.shawneehealth.org

*This program utilizes the March of Dimes Becoming a Mom®/Comenzando bien curriculum and is supported by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment and March of Dimes.
Hello Everyone

United Way of Greater Topeka is excited to host the Topeka Volunteers Event on April 21st from 11-5:30PM at Fairlawn Plaza. The Topeka Volunteers Event is a community volunteer engagement fair where nonprofits have the opportunity to talk about their services, but also how community membership can volunteer with those agencies to give back to our community. This capacity building opportunity to recruit volunteers for all our nonprofits is very important to the success of the work we do within Shawnee County.

We are recruiting 50 agencies to participate in this year’s event, if your nonprofit agency is interested in hosting a table at this event, please email Jessica Barradough at jnb@unitedwaytopeka.org. Space is limited, so make sure you confirm today!

We are encouraging organizations, businesses and schools to encourage attendance to members, staff and students.

If you have any questions don’t hesitate to connect.

In service,

Jess

Jessica Neumann Barradough (she/her/hers)
Director of Volunteer Engagement
785.226.5120
United Way of Greater Topeka
1527 SW Fairlawn Rd
Topeka, KS 66604
unitedwaytopeka.org

Rachelle Vega-Retana, Grants Administrator
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Division of Housing Services
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**Stormont Vail Health MOBILE CLINIC**

In Your Neighborhood

stormontvail.org

**Location Color Key**

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Stormont Vail Health MOBILE CLINIC In Your Neighborhood stormontvail.org
Starting Tuesday, March 1st, R.D. Johnson Excavating will be resuming construction on the trafficway and water improvement projects along N Kansas Ave from NW Morse St to NE Soldier St. North/south traffic on N Kansas will be maintained to limit impact to the surrounding areas. This work is expected to wrap up near the end of May, 2022.

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Traffic Engineering Technician II
City of Topeka
Direct: 785-368-3044
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Starting Tuesday, March 1st, R.D. Johnson Excavating will be resuming construction on the trafficway and water improvement projects along N Kansas Ave from NW Morse St to NE Soldier St. North/south traffic on N Kansas will be maintained to limit impact to the surrounding areas. This work is expected to wrap up near the end of May, 2022.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Department: Public Works

February 25, 2022

What did your department do this week?

Engineering

For more information about 2021 projects, go to a listing and recap at https://www.topeka.org/news/category/press-releases/ or to the Topeka Project Portal at https://projects.topeka.org

- On Monday, February 28, SE California between SE 37th and SE 45th will close for reconstruction. Through traffic will need to use the posted detour utilizing SE Adams St.
- The northbound lanes of N. Kansas Avenue between Morse and Soldier St. will close on Tuesday for reconstruction. Traffic will be carried in both directions on the southbound lanes, which were reconstructed last year. Work is expected to be completed by summer.
- Bids for two mill and overlay projects were opened last week, one on NW Tyler between Lyman Rd. and US Hwy 24 and one on SW 29th St. between Arrowhead Rd. and the Shunga Creek Bridge. Once contract negotiations are finalized with the successful bidders, the start dates will be announced.
- The NW Tyler – Lyman to Beverly Project is scheduled to begin March 21 and be completed by November 18.

Street (Feb. 9-15)
- Filled 1,511 potholes; 2,666 YTD
- Maintained 2 alleys; 22 alleys YTD
- Swept 235 lane miles of street; 313 YTD

Traffic (Feb. 11-17)
- Manufactured 2 signs; 222 YTD.
- Marked 14 buried traffic signal/street light infrastructure; 243 YTD.
- Repaired 21 traffic signals; 99 YTD.
Forestry Trimmed
  - Removed five trees, trimmed 11, ground eight stumps and responded to one limb down/brush pile.
  - Helped Street Division plow snow.

What does it have planned in the next few weeks?

Forestry
  - Continue to work on requests as they come in.

Traffic
  - Work on annual traffic signal inspections.
  - Work on neighborhood sign updates city wide.
  - Start doing a city wide inventory for planning long line painting in 2022.
  - Approve material for spring construction projects.

Anything else to report?
The following is a list of items which are not allowed to be burned within the city limits, but is not limited to:

- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Paper
- Pallets
- Shingles
- Vinyl siding
- Wood paneling
- Primed or Painted wood
- Plywood
- Varnished or finished wood
- Paint cans, rollers, brushes, trays
- Carpet and padding
- Oriented-strand board (OSB)
- Wafer and Particle boards
- Cabinet tubing
- Electrical wires
- Linoleum
- Plastics
- Insulation, fiberglass, foam, Styrofoam
- Trash (residential or commercial)
- Treated Lumber (CCA)
- Railroad ties
- Wet or green timber
- Household furnishings
- Household hazardous wastes
- Asbestos material
- Petroleum products
- Dead animals
- Metals
- Tires
- Oil
- Aerosol cans
- Conduit pipe
- Junction boxes
- PVC pipe

Rules for residential open burning:

- The approved permit shall be in possession of person doing burning or available for immediate inspection.
- Burn is only allowed during daylight hours. Fires must be extinguished at sundown.
- No burning during periods when surface wind speed is less than 3 mph or more than 15 mph.
- No burning during inclement or foggy conditions or on very cloudy days (ceiling less than 2000!).
- No burning within 50 feet of any structure.
- No burning of heavy smoke producing materials including heavy oils, tires, tar paper, or any material which gives off offensive odor or smoke that is of soiling soot content.
- The Fire Chief or his designee reserves the right to modify or revoke this permit at any time.
- A competent person shall constantly attend open fires and bonfires until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have a garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment, readily available for use.
- Fire Dispatch will be notified prior to lighting the pile for authorization at 785-368-9514
- Fire Dispatch will be notified once the fire has been extinguished at 785-368-9514

Violations of City of Topeka Open Burning Regulation can cause suspension or revocation of Open Burning Permit or Municipal Court Citation.
There are two main types of open burning allowed in the City of Topeka, permitted residential open burning and recreational fires.

Permitted residential open burning requires an annual permit and an initial inspection of the burn pile, material and location.

Recreational and cooking fires do not require a permit under the 2006 International Fire Code. Recreational fires and commercial fire pits, are allowed within the City of Topeka.

RECREATIONAL FIRES

No permit required.

307.4.2 Recreational fires.
Recreational fires shall not be constructed within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Recreational fires are required to be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and the pile shall be no more than 2 feet tall. These fires are for recreation or cooking only and not to be used for the disposal of yard waste. These are truly intended to be a campfire type setting in either a pit dug into the ground, lined with rock or fire ring and all vegetation cleared, or a commercial fire pit. As in all open fires only clean untreated wood should be used. If a recreational fire is using anything other than clean untreated wood it will be extinguished.

RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING

105.6.31 Open Burning.
An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to. Exception: Recreational Fires

This type of open burning requires an annual permit.

Residential Burn Permits are issued through the Inspection Unit. During the calendar year 2015 all residential burning permits will be issued after an on-site visit with the resident present.

Residential open burning is approved for burning piles of clean untreated wood and garden debris. This does not include burning of grass clippings, standing grass or leaves.

Residential Open Burning Permits can be applied for by either via the internet at http://www.topeka.org/firedepartment/burningpermit/default.aspx or calling 785-368-4000

The Fire Chief or his designee, reserves the right to modify or revoke any fire permit at any time.

The Topeka Fire Department reserves the right to extinguish any fire that is causing a nuisance or emitting large amounts of smoke; all fires must use only clean untreated wood. All fires must be constantly attended and have some form of extinguishment available.

Violations of City of Topeka Open Burning Regulation can cause suspension or revocation of open burning permit or Municipal Court Citation. If a responding company officer determines that violations of the City of Topeka Open Burning policies it can result in a Municipal Court Citation.
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