

Atchison Co unveils reopening 1.5

(KAIR)--Following the lead of the State of Kansas, Atchison County Friday unveiled the [details](#) of the latest reopening phase in the slow walk toward restored normalcy in the time of the coronavirus.

Phase 1.5, as it's been named by the state, will take effect Monday, in place of phase 2, which has been delayed due to the statewide conditions of the virus.

The reopening was detailed Friday during a special meeting of the Atchison County Commission.

The meeting followed Kansas Governor Laura Kelly on Thursday releasing the state's plan.

A key change for Atchison County comes to the reopening, with stipulations, of inside dining for restaurants and bars. While Kansas, in phase 1 of the reopening plan, allowed such business, Atchison County did not, leading to questioning of the policy by local restaurant owners. When they reopen, restaurants must maintain no more than 50-percent of occupancy, with tables at least 6 feet apart.

Personal services, such as salons and barbers, can also reopen, if stipulations, such as service by appointment only, are met. Also reopening are gyms and fitness facilities, so long as guidelines, such as only 10 clients per 1,000 square feet, are followed. Personal service facilities must also maintain a list of customers, as part of required screening, in order to allow for the tracing of possible community spread, with names, dates, and times to be collected.

Mass gatherings of more than 10 people remain off-limits under the latest reopening phase, both locally and statewide.

There are no restrictions on religious services.

The Commission Friday also approved keeping the Atchison County Courthouse, and county offices, [closed](#), except by appointment only, and extended the County's pandemic-related emergency disaster [plan](#), first approved in March.