

Dear Students,

We are writing to keep you informed of two important developments regarding the coronavirus in the state of Kansas and Ellis county. We know our proud Tigers are from all across the U.S. and around the world, and we thank you for reading these emails and staying up to date on local, state, and federal guidelines where you live.

The State of Kansas has issued a **state-wide “[stay at home” order](#), effective Monday, March 30**. At this time, we are asking you to monitor this development, consult and adhere to the order, and plan accordingly. **Attached is a letter from the Ellis County Health Department to our Fort Hays State students concerning this order and providing related guidance and information.**

What you need to know:

- You should read the order and the letter from the Ellis County Health Department for details. All individuals within the state of Kansas are directed to stay home unless performing an essential activity. An activity is generally considered essential if the purpose is one of the following:
 - Obtaining food, medicine, and other household necessities
 - Going to or from work at an essential business or organization
 - Seeking medical care
 - Caring for children, family members, pets, or a vulnerable person in another location.
 - Engaging in an outdoor activity, provided you maintain a distance of six feet from one another and abide by the 10-person limitation on gathering size

Please read the complete [Executive Order No. 20-16](#) establishing a state wide “stay at home” order at <https://bit.ly/3dDnndV>, and please view the attached letter from the Ellis County Department of Health.

If you have traveled outside of Ellis County during spring break then you may be subject to the [Expanded KDHE Quarantine Mandate](#) which has **expanded** to include those who have visited any part of **Colorado**, as well as the state of **Louisiana**, since March 27th.

The current list of those people needing to quarantine for 14 days includes those who have traveled to: **Louisiana, Colorado, California, Florida, New York, Washington, Illinois or New Jersey** and to those who have traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise, traveled internationally, or received notice from public health officials that you are a close contact of a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19. [View the KDHE Quarantine Mandate](#) at <https://bit.ly/3byC7J3>.

Please remember to check the FHSU COVID-19 Response web pages regularly for links to updates, announcements, FAQ’s and other resources and information. Also, we urge you to continue to consult and adhere to CDC and state agency guidelines and restrictions, including other social distancing measures and health protocols.