Governor Kelly’s Ad Astra Plan to Reopen Kansas began May 4. The plan includes guidance for high-risk individuals that JCDS will use in our decision-making.

Johnson County stay-at-home order ends May 10.

Guidelines will be reassessed at the end of May.

Elmore Center

- Visitors will not be allowed in the Elmore Center at this time.
- Treat America meals will not be provided at the Elmore Center until further notice.
- Meeting rooms will be restricted to a limited capacity, which will be displayed in the room. Staff must follow enhanced cleaning protocols and social distancing when using meeting rooms.

Day Services

Day services at the Elmore Center are expected to start again in mid-to-late May with a very limited number of people in first phase, focused on production work. Case managers will be contacted to schedule a transition meeting prior a person’s return to their regular day service program.

Emerging Artists, Papercrete Works and a supported worksite are also scheduled to reopen in a limited capacity.

- All program service locations will allow for appropriate social distancing with a group of those in services and staff to be 10 or fewer.
- Guidance from the State of Kansas allows for additional cohorts of 10 or fewer to be added as we move forward, maintaining social distancing and health protocols.
- An infection control protocol has been established specifically for day and employment services.

Staff

- Administrative staff will continue to work remotely where this has proven successful.
- Services that were required to be provided in person (assessments, eligibility, etc.) are now allowed through use of technology so that will continue as it is allowed by the State of Kansas.
- For those coming back to the office, individual work teams will develop protocols including options such as alternating schedules where possible to provide appropriate physical space between cubicles.
- Cloth masks will be provided to all staff upon request and used when unable to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Furloughs are constantly being evaluated, both those on furlough and those positions that have seen the work go away. The majority of these are expected to continue through the end of May at the earliest.

Residential

Current health and safety protocols for residential services will remain in place including use of cloth masks, enhanced cleaning and restrictions on visitors and short trips home.

People in our residential program will continue to receive day services in their homes.

Volunteers

- JCDS will not be utilizing in-person volunteers through the end of June and will evaluate the role of in-person volunteers on an ongoing basis. Remote or virtual volunteer options are possible.
- Volunteers working outside of Friends of JCDS homes or with Friends are acceptable.