

under K.S.A. 48-924, and amendments thereto, related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, each local health officer shall work with first responder agencies operating in the county to establish a method to share information indicating where a person testing positive for or under quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19 resides or can be expected to be present. Such information shall:

(1) Include the address for such person and, as applicable, the duration of the quarantine, isolation or expected recovery period for such person as determined by the local health officer; and

(2) only be used for the purpose of allowing the first responders to be alert to the need for utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment during the response activity.

(b) The information described in subsection (a) shall be provided to the 911 call center for the area serving the address provided. The 911 call center shall disseminate the information only to first responders responding to the listed address.

(c) All information provided or disseminated under this section shall not be a public record and shall not be subject to the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2025, unless the legislature reviews and reenacts this provision pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 19. The Kansas department for aging and disability services shall, for all entities required to be licensed pursuant to article 9 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto:

(a) Promptly, and in no case later than 90 days following the effective date of this act, make or cause to be made infection control inspections;

(b) provide the necessary personal protective equipment, sanitizing supplies and testing kits appropriate to the needs of each facility on an ongoing basis, based upon:

(1) The current number of residents;
(2) the current number of full-time and part-time staff members;
(3) the number of residents and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
(4) the ability to separate COVID-19 residents from non-COVID-19 residents; and

(5) any other factors deemed relevant by the secretary; and
(c) ensure that infection prevention and control best practices and recommendations based upon guidance from the United States centers for disease control and prevention and the Kansas department of health and environment are adopted and made available publicly.

New Sec. 20. (a) A physician may issue a prescription for or order the administration of medication, including a controlled substance, for a patient without conducting an in-person examination of such patient.

(b) A physician under quarantine, including self-imposed quarantine, may practice telemedicine.

(c) (1) A physician holding a license issued by the applicable licensing agency of another state may practice telemedicine to treat patients located in the state of Kansas, if such out-of-state physician:

(A) Advises the state board of healing arts of such practice in writing and in a manner determined by the state board of healing arts; and

(B) holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the other state and is not the subject of any investigation or disciplinary action by the applicable licensing agency.

(2) The state board of healing arts may extend the provisions of this subsection to other healthcare professionals licensed and regulated by the board as deemed necessary by the board to address the impacts of COVID-19 and consistent with ensuring patient safety.

(d) A physician practicing telemedicine in accordance with this section shall conduct an appropriate assessment and evaluation of the patient's current condition and document the appropriate medical