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**Kansas Department of Corrections Plans for  
Continued Public Safety Services**

TOPEKA, Kan. – At the direction of Governor Laura Kelly, the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) announced today which functions of the agency would remain open, and which would close, to help minimize additional risk of exposure to COVID-19.

As the KDOC is a public safety agency, most functions of the agency will remain operational throughout the two-week closure.

“I want to reassure the public that our commitment to the safety of this state will continue,” Jeff Zmuda, KDOC Secretary, said. “We will continue to meet the needs of those that we serve while keeping them and our staff healthy and safe.”

State prisons will continue operations, including most offender programming. Some staff will be working from home and some placed on paid administrative leave, as directed by Kelly.

Parole offices will be closed during this time, but supervision of offenders in the community will continue with staff working remotely.

KDOC’s Central Office will be closed to visitors during this time, but the office’s core services will continue.

For more information and resources related to COVID-19, including symptoms and tips for prevention, visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/>.

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