

KSSBEO Updated Covid-19 Guidelines 05/20/2021

The Kansas Optometry Act regulates the practice of optometry, including sections related to standards of care and professional conduct. The standard of care for optometrists is certainly different now than it was a year ago. Doctors should continue to use their professional judgement regarding patient care. Doctors are encouraged to follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as well as local and state authorities. Additional potential resources for information include the American Optometric Association and the Kansas Optometric Association.

The CDC has released public health recommendations for vaccinated persons, which describe circumstances when non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., quarantine) could be relaxed for fully vaccinated persons. *Healthcare settings were specifically excluded from this policy change.*

Healthcare settings refers to places where healthcare is delivered and includes, but is not limited to, acute care facilities, long term acute care facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, home healthcare, vehicles where healthcare is delivered (e.g., mobile clinics), and outpatient facilities, such as dialysis centers, physician offices, and others.

For further information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html>

<https://www.aoa.org/AOA/Documents/Advocacy/HPI/HPICOV19UpdatedFDAGuidanceonFaceMasks.pdf>