Since March of 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has been releasing recommendations for measures designed to reduce the risk of the spread by the novel SARS-COV-2 virus during the Public Health Emergency. These measures have been amended to account for increasing knowledge and experience with this virus. Shortly after the issuance of the CDC’s initial guidance, the Kansas State Board of Examiners in Optometry (KSSBEO) in turn released guidance designed to protect the safety and well-being of Kansas licensees, as well as their staff and patients. This guidance was echoed by both the Kansas Optometric Association and American Optometric Association.

President Biden recently signed a bipartisan congressional resolution this month ending the Public Health Emergency. Due to this change, KSSBEO will no longer make specific recommendations for licensees regarding the SARS-COV-2 virus.