MEMORANDUM

Date: September 23, 2021
To: Executive Branch Agency Leadership & HR Directors
From: DeAngela Burns-Wallace, Secretary of Administration
Subject: Extension of Remote Work

Early indicators suggest that case numbers may be leveling off, but it’s still too soon to know for sure. However, nearly all major hospitals remain at (or near) full capacity due to the number of COVID patients. In addition, with many large events such as concerts and sporting events continuing to take place, we will need to continue monitoring the situation over the coming weeks to ensure that our COVID-positive rates do not climb.

Therefore, all agencies under the authority of the Governor are hereby directed to continue with the remote work plans that have been in place since earlier this month. Onsite staffing should be limited to only those necessary to safely conduct agency operations and agencies should continue to take all necessary precautions and COVID-mitigation measures to keep those employees who are unable to work remotely due to the nature of their jobs safe and to keep State of Kansas offices open to the public.

This remote work model will remain in place through October 29, 2021. This decision will be reassessed in late October, at which time a determination will be made as to whether remote work employees will be asked to return to State offices or remain on remote work for an additional specified amount of time.

All other provisions of the guidance in the memorandum dated August 25, 2021, remain in effect.