

## Haskell County Kansas

### Press release

March 25, 2020

Haskell County Health Department, Haskell County Emergency Management, Satanta Hospital and Clinics continue their mission of planning and protection during the COVID-19 pandemic. Monitoring of the virus began in November when the virus was first detected in Wuhan, China. The mission currently is one of planning, protection and heightened awareness but not in a response mode at the moment.

As of March 24, 2020, there are 98 confirmed positives in 18 Kansas counties with 2 deaths. There are also 2 transient positive cases that are not included in the Kansas numbers. There are no positive cases in Haskell county or any of the contingent counties. Although the median age of patients is 52, there are a number of children that have tested positive. Age range on patients is 7 to 90 years of age. There has been a total of 2,086 negative tests for Kansans.

KDHE is mandating a 14-day home quarantine for Kansans who have:

- Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (California, Florida, New York and Washington state) on or after March 15.
- Traveled to Illinois or New Jersey on or after March 23.
- Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, and Gunnison counties in Colorado in the week of March 8 or after.
- Traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15.
  - People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their cruise ship travel should finish out their quarantine.
- Traveled internationally on or after March 15.
  - People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their international travel to China, South Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran should finish out their quarantine.
- Received notification from public health officials (state or local) that you are a close contact of a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19. You should quarantine at home for 14 days since your last contact with the case. (A close contact is defined as someone who has been closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes while the patient is symptomatic.)

Best practice is still washing hands, practicing social distancing, avoiding people who are sick, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces. Kansas currently has a mandate of less than 10 people in a gathering. Social distancing should also include avoiding outdoor activities such as softball, baseball and basketball because of close proximity of participants. Restaurants are encouraging customers to use pickup, curbside delivery, or delivery.

We continue to follow the CDC and KDHE guidelines. For information please use [www.CDC.gov/COVID19](http://www.CDC.gov/COVID19), or [kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://kdheks.gov/coronavirus). For questions on the local level contact the Haskell County Health Department at 620-675-8191 or Haskell County Emergency Management at 620-675-2485. Our email is [ems@haskellcountyks.com](mailto:ems@haskellcountyks.com).