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Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) increase in Hodgeman County

Hodgeman County, KS – Hodgeman County Public Health is announcing the rapid increase in cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Hodgeman County.

Hodgeman County Health Department has been notified of 12 new cases in the last 3 days! Hodgeman County Public Health is working to identify all close contacts of the individuals, and those who were exposed will be contacted. We have provided instructions to these case contacts to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, which include but not limited to fever and respiratory symptoms.

Please adhere to the following recommendations:
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect contact surfaces at least daily
- Wear a mask when in public
- Avoid non-essential trips and stay home to the extent you can
- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet if you must go out as the virus is thought to spread mostly between people through droplets from talking, coughing and sneezing
- Stay home if you are sick

The Hodgeman County Health Department has worked closely on these recommendations with numerous community partners, including Hodgeman County Health Center, Hodgeman County Emergency Management, the Hodgeman County Board of County Commissioners, City leaders of Jetmore and Hanston, and USD #227.

Hodgeman County residents can stay informed by visiting the Hodgeman County Health Department's or Hodgeman County Health Center's Facebook page www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

For general information: call the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., email COVID-19@ks.gov or call the Hodgeman County Health Department (620) 357-8736.

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