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First case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) identified in Coffey County

Burlington – Coffey County Health Department announced the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Coffey County on Thursday, March 26. Testing sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment’s laboratory identified the positive case.

The case involves a 65-year-old male Coffey County resident. Privacy laws prohibit the release of further information about the patient.

Coffey County Health Department will identify close contacts of the individual. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for a prolonged period (10 minutes or longer) or having direct contact with infectious secretions. Officials will contact those who were exposed as soon as possible and monitor for fever and respiratory symptoms. The Health Department will be actively monitoring the close contacts for (14) fourteen days for fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Coffey County issued a Stay-at-Home Order on March 26, 2020, using social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. This order can be viewed online at <https://www.coffeycountyks.org/county-services/health-department>.

Since the spread of COVID-19 began, Coffey County officials are working in daily collaboration with state and local partners to slow the spread of the COVID-19.

Coffey County residents can stay informed by visiting:

- Coffey Health Department Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/Coffey-County-Health-Department-246233812996/
- Coffey County Emergency Management Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/coffeycountyem/>
- KDHE: www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus or KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463
- CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

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