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## **New cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) identified in Coffey County**

**Burlington** – Coffey County Health Department announces four new cases of COVID-19. This brings the total positive cases to five (5) in Coffey County. The Health Department has identified a common link among the positive cases. All five are isolated in accordance with KDHE guidelines.

The following Coffey County residents are involved:

- 90-year-old female
- 71-year-old male
- 88-year-old-female
- 75-year-old male

Privacy laws prohibit the release of further information about the patients.

Coffey County Health Department will identify close contacts of the individuals. 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 daily in 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/](http://www.facebook.com/Coffey-County-Health-Department-246233812996/)
- Coffey County Emergency Management Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/coffeycountiem/>
- KDHE: [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus) or KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463
- CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

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