



For Immediate Release

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Press Release: COVID-19

Ellis County Health Department (ECHD) is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our patients, staff and the community. ECHD is coordinating with KDHE, community health partners, medical direction and the county board of health to closely monitor COVID-19. **Currently, we have NO cases of COVID-19 in Ellis County.** ECHD will continue to diligently monitor and inform the public of any potential risks. ECHD wants to provide support to our local community in any way that we can. The primary focus for the ECHD is monitoring the situation and educating the public. Please help us in this endeavor as we all strive to protect the residents of Ellis County.

KDHE currently has confirmed 82 cases and 2 fatalities from COVID-19 dispersed over 16 counties in Kansas.

ECHD asks that all residents of Ellis County:

- Follow Governor Kelly's Executive Order limiting social gatherings
- Follow KDHE's mandate to self-quarantine if you have traveled to any area with widespread community transmission or have had close contact with someone that has laboratory confirmed COVID-19
- Avoid **any unnecessary travel**
- Practice social distancing, good hygiene and hand washing
- If you are sick or feel sick stay home and call your Primary Care Physician
- Encourage a healthy lifestyle thus boosting your immune system. This includes outdoor exercise with social distancing. Eat healthy and limit your intake of alcoholic and sugary drinks.

The KDHE website, www.kdheks.gov, has daily updates and other resources to keep Kansans educated on COVID-19. If you have symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath and believe you may have had contact or have had contact with someone with a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19, **stay home** and call your healthcare provider. You may also call the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF). For more information about COVID-19, visit KDHE's website and Frequently Asked Questions at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/ and www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

