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Press Release: COVID-19 Positive Cases in Ellis County

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has confirmed two more positive cases of COVID-19 in Ellis County, Kansas. The patients are doing well and currently in home isolation, following the guidance of the CDC and ECHD.

The positive cases were identified through contact tracing by the ECHD and testing was sent to a private lab. These results will be verified by the CDC lab but will be treated as a positive unless determined otherwise.

ECHD is following KDHE guidelines to identify any close contacts of the individuals. Contacts **will be notified** and directed to self-quarantine for 14 days. The patients are a female and a male in their 50s and 60s. No other information can be provided about the patients.

The two new positive cases have a connection with each other. The two new cases have not had recent travel to an area listed as a KDHE travel restriction. Residents and visitors of Ellis County need to remain diligent in social distancing. It is important to remember to take basic precautions like washing your hands, covering your cough and staying home when you are ill. Continue to follow and understand guidance provided by CDC, KDHE and ECHD. Make the individual choice to protect yourself and others around you.

Stay informed as information changes frequently. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19 or www.kdheks.gov/. Call the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. or ECHD at 628-9440.

