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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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THREE POSITIVE CASES OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IDENTIFIED IN MCPHERSON COUNTY

McPherson County Health Department is announcing no new positive coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases in McPherson County at the time of this release.

All three positive patients are recovering in isolation at home. McPherson County Health Department has worked to identify all close contacts of the positive patients and they have been notified. We will be monitoring these contacts for fever and respiratory symptoms. At this time, no exposure to McPherson County stores or restaurants have been identified for these three cases. No further information about the patients will be released.

Please let this serve as the reason the Statewide Stay-At-Home Order and the McPherson County Safer-At-Home Order is necessary and appropriate. McPherson County residents should be taking all precautions to stay safe. Questions should be emailed to machd@mcphersoncountyks.us and we will be in contact as soon as possible. If you have questions about your place of employment, please reach out to your employer. If you are reporting a situation, please email us at the email above with details.

A Frequently Asked Question document will be available to the public addressing the Statewide Stay-At-Home Order and the McPherson County Safer-At-Home Order as soon as it is completed.

As of March 27, 2020, the KDHE and MCHD are mandating 14-day home quarantine for Kansans who have:

- **Traveled to Louisiana or anywhere in Colorado on or after March 27.**
- Traveled to California, Florida, New York, or Washington state on or after March 15.
- Traveled to Illinois or New Jersey on or after March 23.
- Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin and Gunnison counties in Colorado in the week of March 8 or after.
- Traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15.
- Traveled internationally on or after March 15.
- Received notification from public health that you are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- Exemptions to home quarantine should be discussed with MCHD at (620)241-1753.

KDHE has released guidelines for quarantine and isolation of travelers who visited locations where large numbers of people have contracted the disease. Those guidelines can be found at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/COVID-19_Resource_Center.htm.

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