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

McPherson County Health Department is confirming 5 total cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in McPherson County.

The last two identified positive cases are recovering well in isolation, one at home and one in a local hospital, pending discharge. Both cases have no identifiable travel exposure and are clients of a group care facility. McPherson County Health Department and key partners are actively investigating contacts and exposures. If you are an identified contact, you will be directly reached out to by local health officials. At this time, nothing further will be released about the patients.

Please depend on health authorities to provide the most accurate information for McPherson County. If you are experiencing a fever, shortness of breath, or a cough, please call your health care provider. If you do not have a primary health care provider, please call your local hospital.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has released a new mapping feature on their COVID-19 Resource page. The mapping feature includes positive case counts by county, total hospitalizations, total deaths, symptom onset and date diagnosed data, and lab testing rates by county. This resource can be found at <https://govstatus.egov.com/coronavirus> at the top of page, labeled "Map of COVID-19 in Kansas."

Please continue to stay at home, practice frequent handwashing, cover your cough and sneeze, avoid physical contact such as handshaking, and call your healthcare provider to discuss any illness.

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