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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IDENTIFIED IN MCPHERSON COUNTY

McPherson County Health Department reports 15 total confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in McPherson County. Eight of the total confirmed cases have met recovery guidelines set forth by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Two of the total confirmed cases are currently hospitalized. Nothing further about the cases will be released at this time.

Kansas Governor Laura Kelly extended Executive Order 20-16, the Statewide Stay-At-Home Order, to May 3, 2020. McPherson County Health Department expects guidance from state health officials to be released on reopening of the County. Information with details will be released when it's received. Please know the federal, state and local health officials are working tirelessly together to put the public's health and safety first. We recognize the mental, financial, and economic impact COVID-19 has had on our community and take every decision very seriously. It is safe to expect the county will reopen slowly and carefully. Our community will not return to the normal we all once knew.

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

McPherson County residents are encouraged to help the community and our health care system flatten the curve and slow the spread of coronavirus. They can do this by:

- Following the Stay-At-Home Order.
- Covering all coughs and sneezes.
- Washing your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Wearing cloth face coverings or homemade masks when in public.

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