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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IDENTIFIED IN MCPHERSON COUNTY

McPherson County Health Department reports 16 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.

The latest identified positive case is a male in his 70s who is recovering at home. This case has known exposure at the facility cluster. At this time, nothing further will be released about the patient.

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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