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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IDENTIFIED IN MCPHERSON COUNTY

McPherson County Health Department reports 20 total confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in McPherson County. Twelve of the total confirmed cases have met recovery guidelines set forth by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Three of the total confirmed cases are currently hospitalized. Nothing further about the cases will be released at this time.

The newest identified positive case is female in her 70s and is currently hospitalized. One of McPherson County's positive cases is an employee at Dillons, 1320 N Main St, McPherson. This individual attended work on April 16, 17, 18 and 19, from 5:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you were a customer at Dillons during the listed dates and times, you may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Symptoms for COVID-19 appear 2-14 days after exposure and include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Other rarer symptoms that may develop include malaise, sore throat, and diarrhea. If you develop any of these symptoms, contact your health care provider and inform them you that you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and now have symptoms. You must stay home for at least 7 days after symptoms started or for 72 hours after fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and with significant improvement in symptoms, whichever is longer.

If you were at the above Dillons store during these specific dates and develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 between 2 and 14 days later, please call your local health care provider. If you do not have a provider, please call your local hospital or the McPherson County Health Department at 620-241-1753 or email machd@mcphersoncountyks.us.

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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