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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. 13 of the total confirmed cases have met recovery guidelines set forth by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Four of the total confirmed cases are currently hospitalized. Nothing further about the cases will be released at this time.

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 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 develop symptoms that may indicate COVID-19, please call your 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.

Guidance documents and recommendations from the McPherson County Health Department and Local Health Officer will be released in the near future regarding the reopening of McPherson County. Please look for a public release announcing these recommendations and continue to monitor the McPherson County website for more information.

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.
- Maintaining social distancing.
- Avoiding gatherings in groups greater than 10-persons.
- Wearing cloth face coverings or homemade masks when in public.
- Practicing cough etiquette and washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

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