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## **CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IDENTIFIED IN MCPHERSON COUNTY**

McPherson County Health Department reports 25 total confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in McPherson County. 17 of the total confirmed cases have now met recovery guidelines set forth by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. One of the total confirmed cases is currently hospitalized.

Symptoms for COVID-19 appear 2-14 days after exposure and include fever, cough, shortness of breath, malaise, sore throat, chills, and diarrhea. If you develop any of these symptoms, contact your health care provider. You must stay home for at least 10 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](mailto:machd@mcphersoncountyks.us).

KDHE and MCHD continue to mandate a 14-day home quarantine for Kansas if you have done any of the following:

- Traveled within the United States to any of the following states with known widespread community transmission:
  - On or after March 15: New York
  - On or after March 23: Illinois, New Jersey
  - On or after March 27: Colorado, Louisiana
  - On or after April 6: Connecticut
  - On or after April 30: Massachusetts, Rhode Island
- Visited any of the following counties within the state of Colorado a week prior to or after March 15:
  - Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, and Gunnison County
- Traveled internationally on or after March 15
- Traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15

McPherson County residents are encouraged to help slow the spread of coronavirus by:

- Following Phase 1 of Reopening Kansas and McPherson County ([mcphersoncountyks.us](http://mcphersoncountyks.us)).
- 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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