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Information is accurate as of 0900 03/17/2020

Ford County, Kansas – The first confirmed case of COVID-19 has been identified in Ford County. The confirmed case is being treated and their family is under quarantine. The individual traveled into Ford County and is over the age of 60 years.

Ford County has remained fully staffed in all areas related to the mitigation and tracking of COVID-19 and will remain attentive and engaged in all activities in the future. Our staff, along with community partners, are all dedicated to the Ford County Community and are staying up late, waking up early to stay prepared and to keep you informed and safe.

If you feel you are in need of COVID-19 testing because of active symptoms or recent travel to areas with confirmed cases, please call your medical provider. Medical providers, Western Plains Medical Complex and Ford County Health Department have the ability to test for COVID-19.

Please visit the following links for more information:

www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

www.cdc.gov/covid19

Ford County Health Department recommendations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- ✓ Use proper handwashing techniques
- ✓ Avoid attending large gatherings and work if you are feeling ill
- ✓ Avoid touching your mouth, eyes, nose without first washing your hands
- ✓ Cover your cough and sneeze
- ✓ Clean and disinfect contact surfaces (home, office, etc.)

Important Telephone Numbers:

KDHE Hotline 1.866.534.3463

Ford County Public Health Department 620.227.4545

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