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Ford County, Kansas – The Ford County Board of County Commissioners will consider issuing a Disaster Declaration today 03/19/2020 at a special meeting at 1700 in the Government Center.

Why declare a disaster?

- 1) The County is the only agency that can declare a local disaster
- 2) The purpose of the disaster declaration is to open up resources and funding for community partners and local businesses
- 3) Community partners and business will then be able to apply for special loans and resources that would not usually be available to them
- 4) Community partners and businesses will need to be able to continue to provide services with restricted business hours and abilities

Items to discuss at the special meeting:

- 1) Disaster Declaration (as mentioned above)
- 2) County Services for the coming weeks

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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