TO: LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

FROM: SALINE COUNTY, SALINE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SALINE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE CITY OF SALINA

DATE: April 13th, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Saline County Health Department has been notified of one additional positive case of COVID-19:

- A female in her 60’s associated with a known close contact who is isolated at home.

We were also notified that one of our previously identified positive cases has passed away. We are saddened by this news and extend our condolences to the family and friends for their loss.

The Saline County Health Department is working closely with KDHE after a facility in Salina was recognized by KDHE for having an outbreak of COVID-19 cases. At this time, information about this facility will not be released to the public. The Health Department has already contacted all employees at this facility that were at risk for exposure.

At 11 am, KDHE reported a total of 1376 confirmed cases in Kansas and 62 deaths. Saline County has a total of 10 positive cases, with two of those resulting in death.

Governor Kelly’s Statewide Stay-at-Home order is still in effect. Social distancing is imperative. It cannot be stressed enough the importance of staying home and only going out for essential tasks. Saline County continues to receive reports of alleged non-compliance with the Statewide Stay-at-Home order. Alleged violations can be reported through our online submission form at www.saline.org. If you have a question about a business being essential or not, please visit the Governor’s website at https://governor.kansas.gov/keff to see the order, list of essential functions, and frequently asked questions.

Help our community in stopping the spread of this virus. Only follow official sources to obtain information: www.saline.org/coronavirus or www.kdheks.gov Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Stay at Home.

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