TO: LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

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

DATE: April 18th, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Saline County Health Department does not have any additional positive cases of COVID-19 to report today.

At 11 am, KDHE reported a total of 1,790 positive cases and 86 deaths.

- There have been 383 of 1,472 cases that have been hospitalized.
- There have been 15,886 negative tests conducted at KDHE and private labs.
- Age range is 0 years to 99 years (median 52 years of age)


It cannot be stressed enough the importance of staying home and only going out for essential tasks. You can reduce your risks of exposure by:

- Staying home and only leaving to perform essential tasks.
- Maintain social distancing when out in public – 6 feet or more.
- Covering your face when social distancing is not able to be maintained in public places.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or more.
- Using hand sanitizer if washing your hands is not readily available.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Contact your medical provider if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19

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. ###