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

DATE: April 21st, 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 the following in their daily release:
- A total of 2,025 positive cases and 107 deaths.
- There have been 419 of 1,684 cases that have been hospitalized (24.9%).
- 17,076 negative tests have been received through the KDHE and private labs.
- The age range is 0 years to 99 years (median 51 years of age).

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.

Announcements:
- KDHE has updated its criteria for priority testing as of today:
  - Persons with a close contact of a laboratory confirmed case – AND – has developed at least two of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, headache, sore throat, lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing), new olfactory and taste disorders, or diarrhea without an alternate diagnosis.
  - Persons with a history of travel within 14 days of symptom onset or no source of exposure has been identified – AND – at least two of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, headache, sore throat, lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing), new olfactory and taste disorders, or diarrhea without an alternate diagnosis.
  - Please contact your medical provider to discuss testing.
- Due to the cancellation of the Spring-Spruce-Up, which was scheduled for April 25th; the City of Salina Parks and Forestry Department will not be giving away tree/wood chip mulch to Salina residents.

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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