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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Saline County Health Department has an additional case of COVID-19 to report today.

- This case is a male in his 50’s with no known contacts and no known travel.

“We have fielded several questions regarding what things will look like after the Governor’s Statewide Stay-at-Home order ends on May 3rd,” said Jason Tiller, Saline County Health Officer. “We anticipate guidance coming from Governor Kelly later this week and we are assembling a task force to look at that guidance and what that means for Saline County.” Mr. Tiller further emphasized that “while the Governor may start to loosen guidelines, it still will need to be a well thought out plan, step-by-step, and not all at once. We know that social distancing has tremendously aided in our ability to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.”

“Now, more than ever, we need to stay at home and be even more diligent in doing so. It is crucial for each one of us to do this, to maintain social distancing and wear masks for face coverings when going out into public for essential services. We will have greater economic recovery and a quicker return to normalcy when we stay the course. I know it’s tempting with the beautiful weather we have been having to go out into the world for non-essential tasks and not wearing masks. If we don’t stay the course, we threaten the health and life of ourselves, our loved ones, neighbors and all those in Saline County that is at the highest risk. We can’t let COVID-19 win,” Jason Tiller concluded.

Symptoms for COVID-19 appear 2 - 14 days after exposure and include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Other rarer symptoms that may develop include malaise, sore throat, and diarrhea. If you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 between 2 and 14 days later, please call your medical provider.

At 11 am, KDHE reported the following in their daily release:

- A total of 3,328 positive cases and 120 deaths. That is an increase of 154 positive cases from yesterday’s release.
- 23,839 negative tests have been received through the KDHE and private labs.
- The age range is 0 years to 99 years (median 46 years of age).

Saline County residents are encouraged to help the community and our health care system flatten the curve and slow the spread of coronavirus. You can do this by:
• Following the Statewide Stay-at-Home Order which remains in effect until May 3rd.
• Covering all coughs and sneezes.
• Washing your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.
• Wearing cloth face coverings or homemade masks when in public.

Help our community in slowing 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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