TO: LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

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

DATE: April 7th, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Saline County Health Department has not been notified of any additional positive COVID-19 case in a Saline County resident. At 11 am KDHE reported a total of 900 cases in Kansas. Saline County has a total of 7 cases.

The Saline County Health Department will continue to conduct contact investigations in cases. This is a process where the Health Department retraces a persons’ steps and activities so that they can identify anyone who may have been potentially exposed to COVID-19.

Governor Kelly’s Statewide Stay-at-Home order is still in effect. 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.

Announcements:

• The Saline County Commissioners adopted a resolution that will restrict burning in Saline County until April 30th. This is a restriction on the burning of items such as tree piles, brush, burn barrels, and smaller burns. Agriculture burns will be allowed to continue as this is an essential tool for proper land management.

• The Salina Police Department will enact its Emergency Accident Reporting Plan effective at 12:01 am on April 8th, 2020. If an accident occurs, please contact the Salina Police Department at 785-826-7210. A dispatcher will ask questions to determine if the reported accident is an “eligible accident” requiring law enforcement response.

• Governor Kelly announced in her press conference today that she has issued Executive Order 20-18 that will add religious services and funerals that will require complying with
10 people or less in a mass gathering.

- We have begun to see an uptick in the amount of scam-like activity. Text messages with claims that a person is a close contact, selling of fake tests, fake stimulus check information, and robocalls. The Saline County Health Department will not send text messages to potential close contacts. Do not click on unknown links from unknown sources. Suspected scams can be reported to www.usa.gov/stop-scams-frauds

- KDHE added the State of Connecticut to the list of mandatory quarantine. This means that anyone that has traveled to Connecticut on or after April 6th must quarantine for 14-days.

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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