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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 been notified of one additional positive COVID-19 case in a Saline County resident.
- This case is a male in his 60’s with known contacts to a positive case.

This additional case brings the total to 8 in Saline County. At 4:30 pm, Governor Kelly reported a total of 1046 cases in Kansas and 38 deaths. This is an increase of 146 positive cases in Kansas from yesterday. As Dr. Norman from KDHE stated in today’s press conference, this is the largest increase in positive cases and deaths in Kansas in a day. “We are about to enter into the peak of this pandemic, now is not the time to let your guard down,” he stated.

Governor Kelly’s Statewide Stay-at-Home order 20-16 is still in effect. The Governor’s order does allow for restaurants and bars to provide curbside service, take out, and delivery only. Visit www.governor.kansas.gov/keff to see frequently asked questions on essential businesses and functions under the Governor’s order.

Announcements:
- The Department for Children and Families issued a press release announcing the steps their agency is taking to temporarily ease restrictions on Kansans who are currently receiving or applying for food assistance.

- 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

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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