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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 does not have any additional positive cases of COVID-19 cases to report in Saline County.

At 11 am, KDHE reported a total of 1106 confirmed cases in Kansas and 42 deaths. Saline County has a total of 8 positive cases.

Governor Kelly’s Statewide Stay-at-Home order is still in effect. KDHE provided statistics regarding three outbreaks were associated with religious gatherings. These gatherings have resulted in 10 to 25 positive cases each, 14 hospitalizations, and 2 deaths. Social distancing is imperative. During this time of multiple faith traditions and secular celebrations, the Saline County Health Department encourages celebrating in new and socially distanced ways and making a small sacrifice to protect your loved ones.

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. 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.

Announcements:
- KDHE issued a document that discusses homemade masks and cloth coverings that will be attached to this press release.

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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