



TO: LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

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 cases of COVID-19 to report today. KDHE added two probable cases to Saline County's numbers today. A reminder, a probable case is defined as a person with: a) presumptive lab evidence (serology test) and has COVID-19 symptoms or directly linked to a confirmed case, or b) no lab testing but has COVID-19 symptoms and is also linked to a confirmed case.

Saline County has 21 confirmed cases and 4 probable cases. Out of the total number of cases, two citizens continue to be actively monitored and isolated and there have been two deaths. The majority of cases have met the criteria necessary to be considered recovered and have been released from daily monitoring and isolation.

KDHE reported the following in their release which moving forward will be released on Monday's, Wednesday's and Fridays and can be found at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus:

- A total of 7,116 cases with 158 deaths reported.
- There have been 46,993 negative tests conducted at KDHE and private labs.
- The age range is 0 years to 100 years (median 42 years).

As we attempt to reopen Saline County, the entire community is counting on each person to follow the below recommendations to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- It is highly encouraged to continue to wear cloth masks and maintain social distancing.
- It is highly encouraged for people to only leave their homes for essentials.
- It is highly recommended those employees in any service industry wear PPE (especially cloth masks).
- It is highly encouraged to continue telework.
- Avoid socializing in person with groups of 10 or more individuals in both indoor and outdoor settings.
- Any employees exhibiting symptoms should be required to stay at home and asked to call their health care provider.
- It will take the effort to follow the above recommendations from everyone in our community to continue our reopening.

Announcements:

- Governor Kelly announced the creation of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response Supplement, which allocates \$9 million in CDBG funds for COVID-related economic development and meal program activities.

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.

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