



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 has an additional case of COVID-19 to report today:

- Male in his 30's associated with a close contact who is isolated.

Saline County has had 28 cases. Out of the total number of cases, four citizens continue to be actively monitored and isolated and there have been two deaths. The rest 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 and can be found at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus:

- A total of 7,886 cases with 172 deaths reported.
- There have been 53,706 negative tests conducted at KDHE and private labs.
- The age range is 0 years to 100 years (median 42 years).

Governor Kelly signed Executive Order 20-31, which establishes a new phase to the “Ad Astra: Plan to Reopen Kansas.” The new “1.5” Phase, effective May 18th, 2020, continues reopening efforts while still preserving some restrictions. The updated plan and frequently asked questions have been updated on our website www.saline.org/coronavirus.

Announcements:

- The Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Plan for KDOT was released yesterday. A modernization project in Saline County has been placed in the pipeline for completion. This project includes reconstructing 3.6 miles of K-4 Highway from Simpson Road to Niles Road to improve safety.

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.

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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