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SECOND POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY RESIDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS

(POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KS – March 31, 2020) Today the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) confirmed the second positive case of COVID-19 in Pottawatomie County. This patient, currently at Ascension Via Christi hospital in Manhattan, is a 71 year old female, a resident of Wamego, and her travel history is being researched at this time. Pottawatomie County Health Department is working to identify any close contacts of the individual and those who were exposed will be contacted as soon as possible. We will be monitoring these contacts for symptoms associated with COVID-19 and quarantined following CDC guidelines. No further information about the patient will be released.

- Stay home unless performing an essential activity.
- No gatherings greater than 10 people.
- If you do need to go out in public, ensure you maintain six feet from other people.

Health Department Director/County Health Officer, Lisa Kenworthy, quoted saying “let’s take care of each other. Stay home, that is the best thing we can do to decrease the spread and potentially the mortality rate in our county. STAY HOME.”

Community updates are provided daily by 4:00 p.m. on the Pottawatomie County Facebook page, <https://facebook.com/pottcountyks>.

Pottawatomie County residents can stay informed by visiting, the county website at <https://www.pottcounty.org/495/Coronavirus-Information>, or follow on Twitter @PTCountyKS. The most updated information can be found on www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus or <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

For general information, contact the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) or email COVID-19@ks.gov. You may also contact the Health Department at 785-457-3179 or email Covid@pottcounty.org

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