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Dear Ellsworth County Residents,

The Ellsworth County Health Department has received notification confirming our 1st positive case of COVID-19 in Ellsworth County. The Ellsworth County Health Department is working closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment during this time.

The case identified in Ellsworth County is a male over the age of 60 and is currently receiving medical treatment outside of Ellsworth County. The Ellsworth County Health Department is working to investigate all contacts and will monitor for fever and respiratory symptoms. No further information will be given on the patient.

If you develop respiratory symptoms (cough, fever of 100.4 or higher, or shortness of breath) or are a potential direct contact of someone with a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19, please contact your health care provider PRIOR to arriving at the facility. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE CLINIC, HOSPITAL OR ER PRIOR TO CALLING AHEAD. These actions will reduce the chance of exposure to our health care providers, and allow for the most efficient usage of our currently limited health care resources.

Additionally, please contact the Ellsworth County Health Department to report any travel or a potential exposure with a positive COVID-19 patient. We will be able to provide guidance and education based on the information provided. Please contact Ellsworth County Health Department at 785-472-4488.

Now more than ever, it is important to implement social distancing, limit your risk of exposure, and do your part in preventing the spread of COVID-19. All health care providers in our community are working together to safely and efficiently address your health care needs. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in keeping yourselves, your families and your community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Kerianne Ehrlich, RN/Administrator
Ellsworth County Health Department