



## March 15, 2020 Public Update

### Situation Overview

KDHE continues to closely monitor an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China, but cases have been identified around the world including in the United States. The first case in the United States was announced January 21, 2020.

<b>2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Kansas Test Results</b> <i>Updated 3/15/20 at 3 p.m.</i>	
Positive (confirmed)	8 (1 death included)
Negative	166

<b>Positive Case Information</b>	
<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>
Johnson County	5
Wyandotte County	1
Butler County	1
Franklin County	1

### KDHE Response Activities

- Other labs in the state are beginning to test for COVID-19. These labs are asked to send all results to KDHE. KDHE will continue reporting/announcing results from these labs for Kansas cases.
- KDHE will update its website with the case information daily by 5 p.m.
- KDHE has created a toolkit of Kansas-specific guidance to help local public health departments engage with their community partners on COVID-19 planning. It can be found on the KDHE website: [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus). New information is added daily.
- KDHE has a phone-bank operation that is staffed during regular business hours. The phone number is **1-866-534-3463** (1-866-KDHEINF). KDHE also has an email address for general inquiries, [COVID-19@ks.gov](mailto:COVID-19@ks.gov). Please note these contact numbers are for general questions and cannot provide you with medical evaluations. If you are feeling ill, please stay home and call your healthcare provider.