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FRANKLIN COUNTY, KS – The Franklin County Health Department has identified the County’s 7th positive case of COVID-19 today, March 30, 2020. The Health Department has continued to thoroughly investigate each case. Currently, positive cases have been located throughout Franklin County. These cases are not associated with any one organization and can be traced to travel outside of the County. Individuals who have had close contact with positive cases will be/have been notified by the Health Department. Positive and questionable cases are provided with further instructions to quarantine or isolate themselves and any household members to prevent further spread. The Health Department continuously monitors temperatures and symptoms of cases throughout their quarantine/isolation period.

There are currently 29 County residents under isolation orders as the Health Department awaits test results. Accordingly, anyone calling into 911/dispatch can expect questions pertaining to the households’ potential exposure to COVID-19 as well as the symptoms that may change response protocol. This is done in the interest of Public Safety as well as that of our first responders who will arrive on scene.

As the number of cases continues to rise in Franklin County, it is very important that residents comply with the “Stay Home” order currently in effect statewide. This Order is intended to create distance between households, decreasing the risk of exposure to COVID-19. This virus can be spread by individuals who show no symptoms as well as those who are symptomatic.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the extreme importance of social distancing, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners will host their regularly scheduled meeting virtually (by teleconference) this Wednesday, April 1, 2020. While Colt Waymire, Chairman of the Board will be present in the Commission Chambers, all of the other Commissioners as well as County staff will be participating via telephone. Members of the public who show up for the meeting will not be permitted to enter the Chambers. If you wish to watch the meeting in real time, it will be livestreamed on the Franklin County, KS – Government Facebook page. If a member of the public wishes to make a public comment or otherwise listen to the meeting by telephone, please contact Janet Paddock at 785-229-3415 before the start of the 8:30am meeting. Per the County’s normal procedure, at the conclusion of the meeting, a video will be posted at www.franklincoks.org.

We understand that this is a trying time for the entire community and we appreciate everyone’s efforts and cooperation to help us slow the spread of this virus.

For updates and more information go to: www.franklincoks.org/covid19 or contact Franklin County Communications Director Kaci Brady – kbrady@franklincoks.org