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FRANKLIN COUNTY, KS – The Franklin County Health Department has identified five new positive cases since Friday, May 01, 2020. Franklin County now has a total of 19 positive cases and 328 negative test results. These five cases include three females ranging in ages of 40’s to 60’s and two males, one in his 30’s and the other in his 70’s. To date, three of Franklin County’s positive cases have been hospitalized. Several of the cases have been completely asymptomatic showing no signs or symptoms.

The Franklin County Health Department continues to thoroughly investigate each positive case for contact tracing purposes. Individuals who have had close contact with positive cases will be/have been notified. All close contacts of the new positive cases are in the process of being tested. As testing has become more available statewide, Franklin County will continue thoroughly testing to confirm that there are more positives in the community than prior testing was able to show.

As the statewide “Stay Home” Order issued by Governor Kelly has expired, please continue to:

- Practice social distancing
- Wear a mask in public
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

It will take everyone’s efforts to see a decline in numbers and allow the State of Kansas to enter Phase Two on May 18, 2020. As a reminder, Franklin County is following the Governor’s Executive Order 20-29 for reopening Kansas – with no additional restrictions. **Local governments only have the authority to be more restrictive (not less) than the State of Kansas’ baseline for each Phase.** At this time, there is no guarantee that Phase Two will begin on May 18, 2020. Throughout Phase One, the Governor will continue evaluating the State’s progress and, if appropriate, issue a new Executive Order moving the statewide baseline into Phase Two.

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

More information pertaining to the State’s “Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas” visit covid.ks.gov. For updated Franklin County information go to: www.franklincoks.org/covid19 or contact Franklin County Communications Director Kaci Brady – kbrady@franklincoks.org

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