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FRANKLIN COUNTY, KS – The Franklin County Health Department has identified six new positive cases since Friday, May 08, 2020. Franklin County now has a total of 26 positive cases and 538 negative test results. The Health Department is currently awaiting results from 88 pending tests.

These six cases include three males in their 20's, one male in his 40's and two females in their 50's. Four of the six new positive cases were close contacts of a previously reported positive case. The Franklin County Health Department continues to thoroughly investigate each positive case for this purpose. 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. In light of this, Franklin County Emergency Management has re-deployed the Mobile Command Center, enabling the Health Department to test individuals under investigation in their own vehicles.

It is important to note that several of Franklin County's cases have been completely asymptomatic showing no signs or symptoms. Public Health Officer, Dr. Bud Ransom would like to re-iterate the importance of wearing a mask while in public. Although wearing a mask will not eliminate the potential of you contracting the disease, it will help protect others from your germs if you are an asymptomatic carrier of the virus. Although not required, wearing masks is strongly encouraged when out in public places. Physical distancing, proper hand-hygiene and thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting should also remain a top priority.

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 has been no indication whether the State of Kansas will move into Phase Two on May 18, 2020. The metrics used in the State's determination can be found [here](#).

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](https://covid.ks.gov). For updated Franklin County information go to: [www.franklincoks.org/covid19](http://www.franklincoks.org/covid19) or contact Franklin County Communications Director Kaci Brady – [kbrady@franklincoks.org](mailto:kbrady@franklincoks.org)

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