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## **Second wave of COVID-19 symptoms population survey opens to Douglas County residents**

*First-wave respondents asked to take it again, new respondents also welcome*

**LAWRENCE** – Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health and Unified Command partners City of Lawrence, Douglas County and LMH Health are asking Douglas County residents to again complete a short survey in order to understand how many people in Douglas County have or do not have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

More than 11,400 Douglas County residents completed the first round of the survey April 17-20, and Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health opened the second wave of the at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, through 9 a.m. Friday, May 1.

“We are asking those who took the survey the first time to complete it again for you and your household members to let us know if you are experiencing any symptoms that might be consistent with COVID-19,” said Aihua Zhu, Senior Analyst with Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health. “If you did not take it the first time, now is your chance because we want to hear from as many Douglas County residents as possible.

### **The survey is available in multiple languages:**

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCCOVID>

Chinese: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCCOVID\\_C](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCCOVID_C)

Spanish: [https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCCOVID\\_S](https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCCOVID_S)

Dee Vernberg, also a Senior Analyst with Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health, said with 114 Douglas County residents in the first wave of the survey reporting symptoms within the past two weeks that were consistent with COVID-19 and had not resolved, it’s a good reminder for everyone in the county to continue to take social-distancing measures seriously and to follow Gov. Laura Kelly’s stay-home order which runs through May 3.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak began earlier this year, more than 1,300 people have been tested in Douglas County (as of April 27, 49 have tested positive). Beyond testing protocols, [a population survey](#) is a way to identify the percentage of population experiencing symptoms and seeking to identify potential trends geographically on the potential prevalence of the virus.

This short survey asks residents about experiencing symptoms or lack of symptoms, demographic and contact information. Please complete the survey for every member of your household. The information is confidential and will only be used by Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health to determine how potentially prevalent COVID-19 is in the community. The survey is also available at <http://douglascountyks.org/coronavirus> and [ldchealth.org/coronavirus](http://ldchealth.org/coronavirus).

Anyone with questions about the survey can call the Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Coronavirus Hotline at 785-856-4343 or email [info@ldchealth.org](mailto:info@ldchealth.org).