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Statement on COVID-19 exposure stemming from Oct. 2 football game in Johnson County

LAWRENCE – Disease investigators with Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health were recently notified by counterparts in Johnson County about a number of Douglas County residents on the Free State High School football team identified as close contacts to a positive COVID-19 case stemming from a football game Friday, Oct. 2, at Mill Valley High School in Shawnee. The positive case was not a member of the Free State team.

As part of protocols to help stem the spread of the coronavirus, anyone identified as a close contact needs to quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure. Secondary contacts, such as family members and friends of the identified close contacts, are not subject to quarantine.

Disease investigators with Johnson County Department of Health and Environment made the determination after the interview with the positive case that the exposure during the game was isolated to the Free State side. Further details can't be provided due to patient privacy restrictions.