

## **COVID-19 Daily Update**

3 p.m., March 29, 2020

## **Current Situation Overview – Douglas County**

Total Positive Cases: 22
Travel-Related Cases: 17
Local Transmission: 5

Note: A presumptive positive case included in the total through March 27 has been removed after a lab-confirmed negative test.

Age Range: **1** is 10-19, **8** are 20-29, **7** are 30-39, **2** are 40-49, **2** is 50-59, **1** is 60-69, **1** is 70-79 Male – **14**; Female - **8** 

With all cases, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health epidemiology staff contacts these individuals and orders them to isolate themselves for a minimum of seven days, and if symptoms still persist, to continue isolating until fever free for three days. As part of our investigation, we identify potential contacts who we believe are at high risk for exposure. We then notify and order these individuals to quarantine themselves for 14 days following last exposure, and Public Health staff monitor these individuals for symptoms.

## **Other Information**

- Given we have instances of local transmission in Douglas County, and the likelihood
  these numbers will increase in coming days, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health,
  LMH Health, Douglas County and the City of Lawrence have activated what is known as
  a Unified Command under the National Incident Management System to strengthen our
  response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all working closely with the cities of
  Eudora, Baldwin City and Lecompton in addition to schools and universities, law
  enforcement agencies, first responders, human service providers and others to protect
  the safety, health and well-being of all Douglas County residents and to provide critical
  services.
- In recent weeks, the Unified Command has taken action to institute social distancing measures in the community and encourage people to stay at home and away from crowds to limit spread of the virus. Right now the best thing the public can do is follow the <a href="Stay at Home order">Stay at Home order</a> that took effect Tuesday, March 24, and note that Governor has now issued a <a href="statewide stay-home order">statewide stay-home order</a> that will take effect on March 30.

Douglas County residents can also stay informed as information changes frequently. For more information visit LDCHealth.org/Coronavirus or douglascountyks.org/coronavirus.

Note to Media: We will plan to release these daily updates in the afternoon.