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**Sixth case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Johnson County**

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (March 15, 2020) – The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) is announcing the identification of a sixth case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Johnson County. The presumptive positive case was identified through testing sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment’s Laboratories. These results will be verified by the CDC lab but will be treated as a positive unless determined otherwise.

The case is a male in his 50s. The origin of this case is unknown. JCDHE is working to identify any close contacts of the individual. Those that were exposed will be contacted by JCDHE as soon as possible. The individual is isolated appropriately at home and doing well. The family of the individual is in quarantine.

Please note that moving forward, JCDHE will no longer send out news releases for every presumptive positive case identified. Updated information will be posted daily at [www.jocogov.org/coronavirus](http://www.jocogov.org/coronavirus).

“The best way to protect yourself is to wash your hands frequently, cover your cough and make sure to stay home when you are ill” states Mary Beverly, JCDHE interim director.

Stay informed. Information changes frequently. For more information visit [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19) or [www.jocogov.org/coronavirus](http://www.jocogov.org/coronavirus) or <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/index.htm>

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