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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY LIFTED

JOHNSON COUNTY, Kan. (Feb. 27, 2017) – In collaboration with Johnson County Wastewater, the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) has lifted the health advisory issued affecting residents living along Indian Creek Trail from approximately 116th Terrace to College Boulevard. The initial advisory was due to an overflow of the sanitary sewer manhole into a ditch near Indian Creek Trail and Bluejacket Street in the city of Overland Park.

Johnson County Wastewater crews have unblocked the line and cleaned the ditch. Water test results indicate that bacteria levels in the creek due to the overflow have returned to normal levels.

Residents should be aware that elevated bacterial counts can also be caused by natural sources such as rain, wildlife, pets and urban run-off. Residents should continue to use caution and practice good hygiene when coming in contact with any urban stream.

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About Johnson County, Kansas – Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 560,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. For more information visit the county's website at www.jocogov.org.