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Several COVID-19 cases who tested positive in recent days report being present at Lawrence bar last weekend

Patrons who attended The Hawk on June 19-20, asked to monitor for symptoms

LAWRENCE – As part of the contact-tracing and disease-investigation process, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health epidemiologists have identified several cases who have tested positive for COVID-19 in recent days and reported they were present at The Hawk, 1340 Ohio St. the evenings of either Friday, June 19, or Saturday, June 20.

“We’d ask anyone who was there last weekend to monitor for potential COVID-19 symptoms. We believe the source of exposure for some of these cases occurred before they visited The Hawk, but we would consider them contagious during this time frame,” said Informatics Director Sonia Jordan. “We are not confident in being able to identify everyone who was there and might have come in close contact with people who were contagious, so we have released this information.”

The Hawk on Friday was confirmed as the site of an outbreak due to having two or more cases (not in the same household) with the same identified source of exposure, Jordan said.

Owners of the business have been in touch with Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health about best practices and guidelines for health and safety.

According to the CDC, symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. They include fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; or, diarrhea.

Anyone who was present at the bar last weekend and is symptomatic should call their healthcare provider to be screened for testing.

If you don’t have a provider, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health maintains the Coronavirus hotline, 785-856-4343, and there are [weekend options in the community for COVID-19 screening and testing](#). Always call a healthcare provider to let them know of your symptoms before showing up.

We advise anyone who goes into a public indoor space right now to wear a mask and stand six feet away from others when in public or outdoors.