



COVID-19 Daily Update

1 p.m., March 24, 2020

Current Situation Overview – Douglas County

Total Positive Cases: 6

Travel-Related Cases: 5

Cases involving Local Transmission: 1

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 one instance of local transmission in Douglas County, announced on [March 23](#), and the likelihood these numbers will increase in coming days, we have been preparing in recent weeks with community partners to work together to stem the coronavirus outbreak and promote social distancing.
- To help us as a community achieve this goal, right now the best thing everyone can do is follow the [Stay at Home order](#) by Douglas County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Marcellino that took effect Tuesday, March 24, matching ones issued in neighboring counties of the Kansas City area, including Johnson, Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties.
- We know there are lots of questions, and the public can access online [our message and guidance to businesses](#) as well as the [complete order](#) and a set of [FAQs](#) that help define essential services and activities. We are asking everyone to keep in mind the spirit of the order is that we want the public to stay at home unless they need an essential service performed or work at a place that performs essential services, and their work cannot be done from home.
- It is also important for people to practice proper social distancing in staying six feet away from others in public and frequently wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.

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

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