



COVID-19 Daily Update

2 p.m., March 25, 2020

Current Situation Overview – Douglas County

Total Positive Cases: 10

Travel-Related Cases: 9

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.
- As part of the COVID-19 outbreak response in Douglas County, agencies — including Douglas County Government, the City of Lawrence, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health and LMH Health — have implemented a Unified Command system to help coordinate action and planning, including related to providing mass medical care, maintaining critical infrastructure and services and support for housing and human 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 [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.

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

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