

COVID-19 Daily Update

4p.m., April 5, 2020

Current Situation Overview – Douglas County

Total Positive Cases: 33

Travel-Related Cases: 23

Local Transmission: 5

Contact of Positive Case: 4

Transmission TBD: 1

Note: We have added a category for those who tested positive after close contact with a previous positive case in the county.

Age Range: **2** is 10-19, **12** are 20-29, **10** are 30-39, **5** are 40-49, **2** is 50-59, **1** is 60-69, **1** is 70-79
Male – **16**; Female - **17**

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. [Watch this video](#) for more about what happens when someone tests positive for COVID-19.

Other Information

- Based on recent studies the CDC now knows that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. In light of this new evidence, [CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings](#) where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission, which we currently do not have in Douglas County, but we still wanted to share the CDC guidelines.
- The [KDHE website](#) now includes a map that is regularly updated that gives a variety of data. As of today, 724 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Douglas County - or 6.33 people per 1,000, **which is the third-highest rate among all counties in the state.**
- Frontline, essential workers, including in healthcare and public health, are helping care for and protect us all during the pandemic. [Watch our interview](#) with Public Health Nurse Nicole Parker on what it’s like to test someone for the coronavirus.

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.