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Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Receives \$5,000 from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas for COVID-19 Relief Measures

TOPEKA, Kan. (May 18, 2020) — Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health has received \$5,000 from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) through its Blue Health Initiatives. BCBSKS is donating \$200,000 to local health departments across Kansas and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KAHLD) to assist during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As we have redeployed staff in recent weeks as part of our community’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this adjustment has created a drop in revenue as we were forced for a time to stop providing many of our normal day-to-day services in our clinic,” Director Dan Partridge said. “We are grateful to BCBSKS for this opportunity to provide some relief and to the KAHLD staff for facilitating this process for local public health departments.”

Local health departments across the state are working daily to lessen the impacts of COVID-19 to their communities and need funding now more than ever.

“We are proud to provide relief where we can to organizations across our state that are working hard to meet the needs of all Kansans,” said Matt All, president and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. “We are forever grateful for the efforts of the healthcare employees who have been working tirelessly to support members of their community, and we are happy to be able to provide this support to them.”

To learn more about these relief efforts and additional measures, please visit LDCHealth.org/Coronavirus and [BCBSKS website](#).

About Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health

Nationally accredited Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health has served the Lawrence and Douglas County community for more than 130 years. Its mission is to advance policies, practices and programs that promote health for all, prevent disease and protect the environment.

About Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas

For more than 75 years, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas has built a reputation of trust with its members and contracting providers by providing outstanding customer service while quickly and accurately processing claims; fairly administering benefit plans and contracts; offering programs, services and tools to help members improve or maintain their health; and operating under the highest ethical standards while being good stewards of premium dollars. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and is the state’s largest insurer, serving all Kansas counties except Johnson and Wyandotte. For more information, visit bcbsks.com.

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