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## **Third wave of COVID-19 population survey opens to Douglas County residents**

*Respondents from first two surveys asked to take it again, new respondents also welcome*

**LAWRENCE** – Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health and Unified Command partners City of Lawrence, Douglas County and LMH Health are asking Douglas County residents to again complete a short survey in order to understand how many people in Douglas County have or do not have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). The newest round of the survey will also ask residents how they feel about wearing masks, their feelings about phased reopening and how they've have received information about the pandemic.

The first two surveys contacted April 17-20 and April 28 to May 1 garnered about 20,000 total responses, and in each survey more than 100 respondents indicated they were experiencing symptoms at the time consistent with COVID-19. The current survey will run from 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, to 9 a.m. Saturday, May 23.

"We are asking those who took the survey before to complete it again for you and your household members to let us know if you are experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19," said Aihua Zhu, Senior Analyst with Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health. "If you did not take it the before, we still want to hear from as many Douglas County residents as possible."

### **The survey is available in multiple languages:**

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCOV1D3>

Chinese: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCOV1D3\\_C](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCOV1D3_C)

Spanish: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCOV1D3\\_S](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKSCOV1D3_S)

Dee Vernberg, also a Senior Analyst with Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health, said results of the first two surveys about people experiencing symptoms provided a good reminder for everyone in the county to continue to take social-distancing measures seriously and especially to wear a mask or cloth face covering in public.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak began earlier this year, about 2,300 COVID-19 tests have been administered in Douglas County (through May 19, 62 residents have tested positive). Beyond testing protocols, [a population survey](#) is a way to identify the percentage of population experiencing symptoms and seeking to identify potential trends geographically on the potential prevalence of the virus.

This short survey asks residents about experiencing symptoms or lack of symptoms, demographic and contact information. Please complete the survey for every member of your household. The information is confidential and will only be used by Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health to determine how potentially prevalent COVID-19 is in the community. The survey is also available at <http://douglascountyks.org/coronavirus> and [ldchealth.org/coronavirus](http://ldchealth.org/coronavirus).

Anyone with questions about the survey can call the Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Coronavirus Hotline at 785-856-4343 or email [info@ldchealth.org](mailto:info@ldchealth.org).