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**Positive COVID-19 case attended recent protest in downtown Lawrence**  
*Attendees of protest asked to self-monitor for symptoms*

**LAWRENCE** – A Douglas County resident who reported he attended a protest in downtown Lawrence last Sunday evening has tested positive for COVID-19. Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health epidemiology staff were notified of the positive test on Friday after the sample was taken Thursday.

As part of the contact tracing and disease-investigation process, the patient disclosed he was not wearing a mask while attending the protest.

“Similar to what we would ask anyone who goes out in public right now, we are asking anyone who attended the recent protest to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and isolate if they become sick as well as call their healthcare provider for next steps,” said Informatics Director Sonia Jordan.

According to the CDC, symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. They include fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; or, diarrhea.

Anyone without a primary care provider can call the Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Coronavirus hotline, 785-856-4343. We have nurses online to provide initial screening and if needed, directions on how to get tested

For people who do go into public spaces right now, we advise them to follow social distancing best practices of wearing a mask and trying to stand six feet away from others.

**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.

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