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**Five COVID-19 cases who tested positive in recent days report being present at Lawrence bar**

*Patrons who attended Bullwinkles on June 20 or June 26-27, asked to monitor for symptoms*

**LAWRENCE** – As part of the contact-tracing and disease-investigation process, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health epidemiologists have identified five cases who have tested positive for COVID-19 in recent days and reported they were present at Bullwinkles Bar, 1344 Tennessee St., the evenings of either June 20 and June 26-27.

“We’d ask anyone who was there those dates to monitor for potential COVID-19 symptoms,” said Informatics Director Sonia Jordan. “Because we are not confident in being able to identify everyone who was there and might have come in close contact with people who were contagious, we have released this information on this outbreak.”

The site is confirmed as an outbreak due to having two or more cases (not in the same household) with the same identified source of exposure, Jordan said. This is the second outbreak in Douglas County tied to a bar, and Douglas County’s Local Health Officer Dr. Thomas Marcellino has [issued an order to close all bars and nightclubs](#) in Douglas County beginning July 3, due to the number of recent cases stemming from those environments. The county will reassess the decision in two weeks.

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 who was present at the bar the dates of June 20 and June 26-27 and is symptomatic should call their healthcare provider to be screened for testing.

If you don’t have a provider, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health maintains the Coronavirus hotline, 785-856-4343, and there are [weekend options in the community for COVID-19 screening and testing](#). Always call a healthcare provider to let them know of your symptoms before showing up.

As of July 1, Douglas County also has a health order in place that requires people to wear masks when inside any public space – including their workplace – or in situations where social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained. This is aligned with Gov. Laura Kelly’s statewide mask order.

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