



COVID-19 Daily Update

2 p.m., March 23, 2020

Current Situation Overview – Douglas County

Total Positive Cases: 5

Cases Travel Related: 4

Cases involving Local Transmission: 1

Our newest case involves a woman in her 40s. Results of the positive case were sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Unlike [our first four cases](#), we have not identified any recent travel associated with one, so it appears to be our first instance of local transmission of COVID-19 in Douglas County.

Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health disease investigators are identifying potential close contacts of this case, and we will be monitoring them for fever and respiratory symptoms. We will not release further information about the patient.

Other Information

- Given this instance of local transmission, we have been preparing in recent weeks with community partners to work together to stem the coronavirus outbreak and promote social distancing.
- In our most recent action, our Douglas County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Marcellino yesterday [issued a Stay at Home order](#), that will take effect at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, March 24. It matches recent ones issued in neighboring counties of the Kansas City area, including Johnson, Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties. You can read the [order online](#) and an [FAQ](#) that help define essential services and activities. If a business does not provide supplies and support for those critical services outlined in the order, the best way to help our community is to stay home as the goal is for the public to stay home unless they need an essential service performed or work somewhere that performs an essential service and their work cannot be performed at home.
- The goal of the order is to direct individuals to stay at home to slow the rate of community spread of COVID-19 through intensified social distancing. We recognize we will all need to work together to in these coming weeks, but we ask you to keep this goal in mind.

Douglas County residents can also stay informed as information changes frequently. For more information visit LDCHHealth.org/Coronavirus or douglascountyks.org/coronavirus. Note to Media: We will plan to release these daily updates in the afternoon.