



**CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL, CHEYENNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CHEYENNE COUNTY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT, AND CHEYENNE COUNTY VILLAGE**

NEWS RELEASE

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**First Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) identified in Cheyenne County,
Kansas**

Cheyenne County, Kansas—Cheyenne County Hospital/County Health Department is announcing the first outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. KDHE defines an outbreak as 5 or more positive cases connected to one location, or as otherwise defined by KDHE.

The case involves 5 confirmed cases involving employees of the Cheyenne County Village. The Cheyenne County Hospital/County Health Department are working closely with said facility to conduct testing on all 28 residents and all employees.

“While the current local increase is unfortunate, local health and emergency leaders have been aware of the possibility and prepared for such an event,” said Dr. Licke. “While the current cases have mild symptoms and the overall mortality from serious complications is low, we continue to treat as appropriate and mitigate the spread. The hospital and clinic remain open as usual for any appointment and are able to see any Covid related concern as well. This is not currently a reason to be alarmed or fearful of current cases. Continue to have good hygiene, wash hands, social distance and stay home when you feel sick other than a medical appointments or essential business,” said Dr. Licke

Cheyenne County is working closely with KDHE regarding this situation. The KDHE will be disclosing all positive cases from preliminary testing. These positive numbers are subject to change as confirmed results are received. Further testing is being conducted to ensure the accurate number of positive cases is determined. Cheyenne County Hospital/County Health are working to identify all close contacts of confirmed positive individuals and those who were exposed to said confirmed positive individuals. We have provided instruction to these case contacts to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. As information is received concerning confirmed positive cases, further information will be released.

For current information on COVID-19 in Kansas, and to sign up for updates, go to the KDHE COVID-19 Resource Center at kdhe.ks.gov/coronavirus. For information on the KDOC’s response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates>.