



## Grant County Health Department

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **First case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) identified in County**

**Ulysses, KS** – Grant County Health Department is announcing the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Grant County.

The case involves a female, age range 20-25 years. The Grant County Health Department is working to identify all close contacts of this individual, and those who were exposed are being contacted. We have provided the following instructions to the case contacts: monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, which include at least two of the following; fever, chills, body shakes, muscle pain, malaise, headache, sore throat, lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing), smell or taste disorders, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. No further information about the patient will be released.

More information can be obtained at [kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://kdheks.gov/coronavirus) and [cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus).

For the safety of Grant County residents, please adhere to the following recommendations:

- Avoid non-essential trips and stay home to the extent you can.
- Follow all recommendations regarding self-quarantine
- Avoid large gatherings (groups of more than 10)
- If you do need to go out in public, ensure you maintain six feet distance from other people for less than ten minutes. Wear a mask that provides adequate protection. See KDHE or CDC guidelines for the use of masks.

The local health department has worked closely on these decisions with numerous community partners, including County Commissioners, The City of Ulysses, County Emergency Management, Grant County Hospital, USD 214, and other local partners.

County residents can stay informed by visiting the health department's Facebook Page, [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus) or <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

For general information, contact the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) or email [COVID-19@ks.gov](mailto:COVID-19@ks.gov). You may also contact the Grant County Health Department at 620-356-1545 or the COVID-19 hotline at 620-356-6006.