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

Geary County is announcing the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Health Department is working with the individual and her family to conduct contact tracing to identify all close contacts and those who could have been exposed.

We will be monitoring these contacts for fever and respiratory symptoms. No further information about the patient will be released.

KDHE has released guidelines ([http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Resource\\_Center.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/COVID-19_Resource_Center.htm)) for quarantine and isolation of travelers who visited locations in the United States where large numbers of people have contracted the disease.

The Health Department is working with local organizations and agencies to enforce the governor's Stay at Home order. We ask everyone to please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Avoid unnecessary trips to the store or out in public, but if you must go, do not take the entire family. Maintain 6 feet of distance between you and others around you.
- Do not touch your face, mouth, or eyes to avoid possibly infecting yourself.
- To help protect yourself and others, wear a mask when out in public.
- Wash your hands frequently to avoid spreading disease.
- Avoid large gatherings of 10 or more.
- If you or a member of your family is placed in quarantine, adhere to the requirements of that quarantine.

If there are questions, visit the COVID-19 Resource Center (linked above) for all the latest updates from KDHE or contact the Geary County Health Department at 785-762-5788.