



Media Statement

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Kansas Working Collaboratively on COVID-19

(January 13, 2020) – Since the COVID-19 outbreak began, Kansas hospitals have worked closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Hospitals and providers have followed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and other federal, state and local partners to respond to this challenge and to make sure hospitals and health systems have the most up-to-date information.

As the COVID-19 outbreak evolves, hospitals and health systems know our patients and communities are increasingly concerned whether and how the virus is spreading in communities.

Hospitals and health systems are:

- Identifying, isolating and informing local public health officials about new cases of patients known or suspected of having the virus.
- Following CDC recommendations on how to best use and preserve existing supplies of personal protective equipment due to concerns about limited supplies.
- Protecting health care workers on the front lines, ensuring they have the personal protective equipment, training and support they need to provide care to patients.

The following websites include resources and developments related to COVID-19.

- [Kansas Department of Health and Environment - COVID-19](#)
- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - COVID-19](#)
- [The World Health Organization -COVID-19](#)

If you have symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath and believe you may have had contact with someone with a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19, stay home and call your health care provider.

You may also call the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

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