Gove county Health Department

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First case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) identified in Gove County

Quinter, Kansas—Gove County Health Department is announcing the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Gove County.

The case involves a young, healthy female with out-of-state travel. Gove County Health Department is working to identify any close contacts of the individual and those who were exposed will be contacted as soon as possible. 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) for quarantine and isolation of travelers who visited locations in the United States where large numbers of people have contracted the disease.

Gove County will have in place Friday, March 27, 2020 at 8AM An Emergency Order of Local Health Officer to Stay at Home. This order will be in place for 30 days. Please check the Gove County Health Department website (govecountyks.org/health/) for more details on this emergency order.

The Gove County Health Officer is still recommending the following:

•   People avoid non-essential trips and stay home to the extent they can.

•   Wash hands frequently with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds.

•   If you do need to go out in public, ensure you maintain six feet from other people.

Gove County Health Department has worked closely on these decisions with numerous community partners, including Gove County Government, Gove County Emergency Management, Gove County Medical Center and Bluestem Medical.

Gove County residents can stay informed by visiting govecountyks.org/health, 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. You may also contact the Gove County phone bank at 785-754-2311 or 833-877-0146 or email: c.goetz@gchd.onmicrosoft.com. Gove County Medical Center is available by phone at 785-754-5155.