

## NEWS RELEASE

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## COVID-19 returns to Grant County

Grant County continues to test and has seen a renewed rise in positive COVID-19 cases. This increase was expected due to the county/state's reopening plan and residents traveling in and out of the county.

The COVID-19 virus is still very active and a vaccine is not available at this time. It is very important to protect yourself and others by social distancing, wearing a cloth mask, and limiting exposure to other people. Summer is a time for fun, friends, family, and gatherings. Please take the time to think about how you can protect yourself and the people around you by asking yourself the following questions:

Is there a way to make this gathering safe for everyone?  
How can I protect someone that might not be able to fight this virus?  
Is this a gathering that can wait until a later date?

Progress is being made on developing a vaccine and dispensing it as soon as possible. Until that time, you are responsible for your own preparations, protections, and actions. Public Health and Emergency Services needs everyone's help to keep this virus out of our community.

If you are experiencing symptoms such as cough, headache, runny nose, fever, other respiratory problems, or changes in taste or smell, call your healthcare provider or an urgent care clinic FIRST to determine if testing is needed. If symptoms are mild, do not go to the emergency room, as this resource needs to remain available for those with the most critical needs.

Grant County residents can stay informed by visiting the following internet sites:

<https://www.facebook.com/GrantCountyHealthDepartment/>

<https://www.COVID.ks.gov/>

<https://coronavirus.kdheks.gov/>

<https://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 call the Grant County COVID-19 hotline at 620-356-6006.

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