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FIVE POSITIVE CASES OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IDENTIFIED IN PRATT COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Pratt County Health Department reports its 7th through 11th positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Pratt County.

The Health Department was notified of the confirmed positive cases on Saturday, June 27th at 9:00 A.M. The new cases involve three males and two females. Four are associated with each other and an out of county source of positive contact has been identified. The fifth case is not associated with the first four cases and a different out of county source of positive contact has been identified. Patients' ages range from 15 to 55 years old. All individuals are following the quarantine guidelines and instructed to stay home for 14 days post testing date. The Health Department will continue to monitor all known contacts for fever and other respiratory symptoms. No further information about the patients will be released.

As stated before, the Pratt County Health Department and Health Officer will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation. Our progress will be measured by monitoring our County's testing rates, area health care resources, COVID-19 hospitalizations, ability to contact trace, and availability of personal protective equipment. We are still able to meet these needs and will remain in Phase Out at this time.

The Pratt County Health Department performed patient contact tracing investigation to inquire who the patients may have had contact with during their contagious period. All individuals who were at risk of exposure have been notified. If you were notified by the Health Department of being a contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you **MUST** quarantine at home for 14 days. A negative test **will not** return an exposed person to work/school/sports/daycare/etc. sooner than 14 days.

If you are being tested for COVID-19, you are considered a Person Under Investigation (PUI). The PUI **MUST** isolate while waiting on their test results. The PUI should isolate away from anyone in their household. If they are not able to isolate away from the household members by staying in their own room, the entire household must quarantine while awaiting results. If the results are positive and they were unable to isolate within the home, then the whole household must quarantine for the full 14 days. If necessary, the Local Health Officer will issue quarantine orders that are enforceable by law.

If a person in quarantine does not develop any COVID-19 symptoms, then they are released from quarantine at the end of 14 days. If symptoms do develop during those 14 days, the person is to contact their primary care provider for further evaluation. People who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 may be released from isolation at the direction of the Health Department when it has been 10 days since the onset of symptoms **AND** 72 hours since symptom have resolved.

The best way to keep our community safe and our businesses open is to adhere to hygiene and social distancing protocols, including;

- Wash hands frequently;
- Social distance by maintaining a 6 foot perimeter when possible;
- Avoid contact with one's face, mouth, nose;
- Remain home when sick or running a fever;
- Follow isolation and quarantine orders issued by state or local health officers;
- Avoid travel to "hotspot" areas if possible;
- Wearing a cloth face mask when in public;

Relevant websites (The KDHE site has the most specific information pertinent to us locally):

- KDHE website: <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/index.htm>
- CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>