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NEWS RELEASE
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First case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) identified in Pratt County

Pratt, Kansas – Pratt County Health Department is announcing the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Pratt County. Testing was sent to a private lab and was identified positive on March 31st 2020.

The patient is an employee at Pratt Community College with no travel history, and no underlying health conditions. To protect patient privacy, the gender and age will not be released at this time. The patient has been at home in quarantine since March 12th. The Pratt County Health Department is working with the college and the patient to identify any possible exposures to close contacts. Those individuals will be contacted as soon as possible via telephone and given further instruction. The patient took all the right steps by practicing home-isolation and social distancing since the onset of symptoms. We will continue to provide further information as it becomes available.

With the announcement from Governor Kelly regarding the Stay-at-Home Order, we want to encourage everyone to continue following the guidance of our healthcare officials. Under Executive Order 20-16, Kansans are directed to stay home unless performing one of the following essential activities:

- Obtaining food, medicine and other household necessities;
- Going to and from work at a business or organization performing an essential function as identified in the Kansas Essential Function Framework;
- Seeking medical care;
- Caring for children, family members or pets, or caring for a vulnerable person in another location;
- Engaging in an outdoor activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another and abide by the 10-person limitation on gathering size

Pratt County residents can stay informed by visiting www.prattcounty.org, 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-KDHE INF) or email COVID-19@ks.gov.