

COVID-19 confirmed in Atchison County

(KAIR)--Atchison County confirms its first positive case of COVID-19, while the number of virus-related deaths in Kansas climbs to six.

According to a release from Atchison County Health Officer Lori Forge, the Atchison County Health Department was notified of the confirmed case Sunday morning by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The health department identifies the person as a female in her 40's, and believes she contracted the virus because of travel. She has been quarantined at her home since her return, and is expected to make a full recovery.

The Atchison County Health Department is working to identify contacts of the patient.

The Atchison Hospital released a statement Sunday afternoon, saying that while the patient was tested at Atchison Hospital, they never entered the building.

The release clarifies that the patient was tested while in their vehicle and did not enter the facility.

No additional details will be released about the individual by the hospital in order to protect patient privacy.

The release states that Atchison Hospital is coordinating with the Atchison County Health Department and Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are following guidelines to protect patients, the community, and hospital employees.

The KDHE on Sunday afternoon released the latest statistics pertaining to Kansas COVID-19 activity, with that release confirming the state's sixth death.

The victim was from Wyandotte County.

Other local area counties with confirmed cases of COVID-19 are Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, and Pottawatomie Counties with one case each, while 17 cases are now confirmed in Leavenworth County.

Statewide, there are now 319 confirmed positive cases.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press is reporting that leaders of the Republican-controlled Kansas Legislature have agreed that Democratic Gov.

Laura Kelly's statewide stay-at-home order is necessary to help check the spread of the new coronavirus. Their acceptance of the order Sunday allows it to take effect Monday as planned. The order will remain in place until at least April 19.

The top seven legislative leaders include five Republicans and they had the power to revoke Kelly's order. But they made no move to do so during a half-hour teleconference meeting.

Nemaha County Attorney Brad Lippert on Sunday issued a press release simplifying the Governor's order.

In the release, Lippert said, "As most of you who live in Kansas already know, our governor has issued a stay-at-home order effective midnight tonight and continuing through April 19. I thought it might be helpful to condense the 8 page order into something we all can understand."

All individuals within the state must stay in their homes at all times, with the following exceptions:

- 1. To obtain food, medicine, and other household necessities**
- 2. To seek medical care for themselves or their pets**
- 3. To care for children (including daycare), family members, pets, or a vulnerable person in another location**
- 4. To engage in an outdoor activity, provided they maintain a distance of 6 feet from one another and abide by the 10-person limitation on gathering size**
- 5. Private family gatherings**
- 6. To work at a job deemed essential by the state**

The list of essential jobs is about 5 pages long, and impossible to summarize. If you question whether your job is essential, and your employer has yet to provide guidance, you can view the list [here](#).

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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