Nemaha Co confirms first case as KS virus numbers grow

(KMZA)--Nemaha County, Kansas has its first confirmed case of COVID-19.

According to a press release from Nemaha County Community Health Services, their office was notified Monday that a resident in the county has tested positive for the virus.

The release said the individual is in self-isolation.

NCCHS is working to identify any close contacts of the individual and those who may have been exposed.

The agency will be monitoring those contacts for symptoms related to COVID-19.

The release says no further information will be released about the individual.

"We are working diligently to keep our Nemaha County residents safe and healthy," said Jane Sunderland, RN and Administrator of NCCHS.

The release says NCCHS is working closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, as well as other health care providers in our community. NCCHS urges the public to continue to take appropriate precautions including:

• Practice good hygiene, including washing hands frequently, and avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth.

• Stay home as much as possible.

• Social distance, at least 6 feet from others, and wear a cloth mask when you need to go out for essentials.

• If you are sick, stay home.

• If you think you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, call your healthcare provider before going into the clinic. They will instruct you on how to proceed.

• Clean surfaces often with an EPA approved cleaner.

According to NCCHS, these measures will help slow the spread of this virus in our community.

Be sure to stay informed with reliable information at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/COVID19, or call Nemaha County Community Health Services at 785-284-2152.

Leavenworth County continues to have the highest number of confirmed positive cases in the local area with 184, while Atchison and Pottawatomie Counties have 9 cases each. Jefferson County has 8, Doniphan County has 3, and Jackson County has 2.

Statewide, there are 3,328 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, representing 75 of the state's 105 counties.

According to figures released Monday by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the state has incurred 120 virus-related deaths.

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