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Kansas to stop COVID-19 contact tracing

**(AP)--Kansas health officials say the state will stop contact tracing for COVID-19 next month.**

**The Kansas Department of Health and Environment said Tuesday that contact tracing has become futile because of increased COVID-19 cases and the public's declining interest in participating.**

**The change means people who test positive for the virus will be responsible for notifying their close contacts about possible exposure. If the person has been exposed at high-risk settings such as schools or daycares, state or local health departments will notify the setting, which will be responsible for notifying close contacts about the potential exposure.**

**The change takes effect on Feb. 1.**

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