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FINNEY COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS CONFIRM SECOND AND THIRD DEATH RELATED TO COVID-19

Finney County, Kansas – The Finney County Health Department confirmed the second and third deaths of Finney County residents related to Coronavirus (COVID-19). One individual, in his 40s, had no known underlying medical conditions. The other individual, in her 70s, did have underlying medical conditions. Finney County Health Department is continuing their disease investigation and notifying anyone who may have had contact with the individuals. We send our deepest condolences to both families in this difficult time as they navigate this loss.

At the time of this release, May 1, 2020, 3:00 PM, Finney County has confirmed a total of 404 positive cases, and 994 individuals have been tested as of May 1, 2020. Six (6) individuals with confirmed positive diagnoses are currently hospitalized. There are a total of three (3) COVID-19 related deaths. All totals of positive cases are located at www.finneycounty.org/coronavirus and are updated at the end of each day as results are received and counted. In an instance in which there are five (5) or more confirmed positive cases traced back to a particular location or business as a source of exposure, Finney County Health Department will notify the public in a press release.

The Finney County Health Department's recommendation is the same. Residents should only leave their home for essential reasons, travel outside of the county only for essential purposes, and practice preventative actions such as social distancing, washing your hands regularly, and wearing a cloth facemask when in spaces where social distancing is difficult. At the inception of our drive-through testing site, we had the capacity to test fifty (50) people a day. Since then, we have now increased our capacity to test 140-160 people a day, and are continually looking for opportunities to increase capacity for testing.

If you are experiencing a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, or suspect you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please call the Finney County Hotline at (620) 272-3600 Monday-Saturday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.