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## FINNEY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE COVID-19 REPORTING AS KANSAS STATE OF EMERGENCY EXPIRES

Finney County, Kansas – Kansas' COVID-19 state of emergency expired on Tuesday, June 15 after being in place for 15 months. Finney County has had marked improvement over the past few months in terms of new COVID-19 positive cases, active cases, and hospitalizations. The work of our residents in practicing preventative actions and receiving a COVID-19 vaccination has greatly contributed to maintaining these low numbers, and we are grateful.

Following the cessation of the state of emergency declaration and because of our consistently low numbers over the past 14 weeks, we are shifting the way in which we report COVID-19 numbers to the public. The COVID-19 hub, <a href="https://www.finneycounty.org/COVIDHub">www.finneycounty.org/COVIDHub</a> will now be updated weekly every Monday. We will be discontinuing the Situation Report previously published weekly.

COVID-19 numbers will continue to be tracked and reported internally and to the state. If the situation of COVID-19 drastically changes in Finney County and the risk increases, the public will be notified through normal communication channels, including the website, Finney County Health Department's Facebook page, and local news media.

Thank you for your continued support and vigilance in reducing the risk of COVID-19 in Finney County. If you have not yet received your COVID-19 vaccine, call (620) 272-3600 or go online at <a href="www.finneycounty.org/COVIDHub">www.finneycounty.org/COVIDHub</a> to make an appointment or find walk-in hours. Please continue to practice preventative actions such as wearing a face mask in public spaces, social distancing, and regularly washing your hands if you have not yet been vaccinated.

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