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## **Geary County Health Department Closes to Public Due to COVID-19**

**Junction City** – The Geary County Health Department will be closed to the public due to 2 staff members testing positive for COVID-19. Confirmed positive cases are isolating at home and no services to the public will be provided until 26 August. We will continue to be available to answer questions via telephone and provide services that do not require direct contact.

Those Geary County residents who are a close contact of confirmed cases will be notified by the Geary County Health Department and should monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19. Those symptoms include fever, cough, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, diarrhea, and/or shortness of breath/difficulty breathing. If symptoms develop, please stay home and contact your health care provider or local health department for guidance on testing. In an emergency please call 911 and notify first responders that you were potentially exposed to COVID-19 and, if possible, wear a cloth face mask before they arrive.

“We are all vulnerable to this disease,” said Tammy Von Busch, Health Department Director. “COVID-19 doesn’t pick and choose a specific population or profession. It can impact all of us and it is absolutely critical for every one of us to take the appropriate precautions.”

Geary County Health Department implemented in May a number of precautions to safeguard the general public who were in the facility, including:

- Staff wearing masks during all interactions with the public
- Screening of staff and patients when entering the facility
- Plexiglass barrier at the front desks
- Disinfecting between patients, including the waiting room, exam rooms, chairs, and door handles.

Geary County Health Department encourages residents to continue practicing good hand hygiene, practice social distancing and wear masks when in public settings to mitigate potential spread.

Residents can stay informed by visiting <https://www.gearycounty.org/> , [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus) or [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

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