



# REPUBLIC COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## **Twenty-second case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) identified in Republic County**

Republic County Health Department is announcing a new case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Republic County. Testing sent to the state lab identified the positive case. This case brings Republic County COVID-19 case count to 22, with 6 currently active.

This case involves a male in his 80's, with no known travel history and no underlying health conditions. This individual is stable and recovering in his home at this time. Republic County Health Department is working to identify any close contacts of the individual and those who were exposed will be contacted as soon as possible. We will be monitoring these contacts for fever and respiratory symptoms. No further information about the patient will be released.

KDHE has released guidelines ([http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Resource\\_Center.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/COVID-19_Resource_Center.htm)) for quarantine and isolation of travelers who visited locations in the United States where large numbers of people have contracted the disease.

### THE HEALTH OFFICER HAS ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMENDED:

- People avoid non-essential trips and stay home to the extent they can.
- If you don't live with them, don't visit them.
- Retirement communities and long-term care centers limit visitors.
- People avoid ANY gatherings.
- If you do need to go out in public, ensure you maintain six feet from other people
- Mask usage is STRONGLY encouraged when outside of your home

Republic County Health Department has worked closely on these decisions with numerous community partners, including Republic County Government officials, Republic County Emergency Management and Republic County Hospital.

Republic County residents can stay informed by visiting , [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus) or <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

For general information, contact the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) or email [COVID-19@ks.gov](mailto:COVID-19@ks.gov). You may also contact the Republic County Health Department at 785-527-5671 or email [rchdhha@nckcn.com](mailto:rchdhha@nckcn.com)

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