

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**COVID-19**  
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**FIFTH POSITIVE CASE OF**  
**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**  
**IDENTIFIED IN BARTON COUNTY**

Barton County reports a fifth positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19), this case is from the City of Great Bend.

KDHE has now defined “Probable” cases for tracking purposes. Probable cases are those who have had close contact with a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 case and symptomatic within 14 days of contact. Barton County reports we have two probable cases, one in rural Great Bend and one in the City of Hoisington.

This does not mean that unidentified cases do not exist elsewhere in the county and precautions should be taken by ALL residents of the county in all areas.

Symptoms can include fever, chills, rigors, myalgia, malaise, headache, sore throat, lower respiratory illness (shortness of breath or difficulty breathing) and now may include olfactory and taste disorders.

Please refer to the KDHE (Kansas Department of Health & Environment) website for additional information and statewide statistics at:

<http://www.kdheks.gov/>

We continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action, including the issuance of quarantine/isolation orders. To date, 56 Quarantine/ Isolation orders have been served in various locations in Barton County with more to be served today.

This is a very serious and sometimes deadly virus. We strongly encourage the public to take this pandemic seriously by practicing social distancing and staying home.

We will continue to provide further information as it becomes available.