

**PRESS RELEASE**  
COVID-19  
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**COVID RELATED DEATH AND TENTH POSITIVE CASE**  
**OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**  
**IDENTIFIED IN BARTON COUNTY**

It is with great sadness that we announce that on May 5th, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) confirmed the first known COVID-19 related death of a Barton County resident. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family, friends, and caregivers.

Barton County also reports a tenth positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the City of Great Bend. If you must travel to a known hot-spot, please take extra precautions before returning. 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.

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, 165 Quarantine/Isolation orders have been served in various locations in Barton County with additional orders 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 if at all possible.

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