

## **KDHE COVID-19 Exposure Location Identification Policy**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) oversees public health in the State of Kansas and has been granted the authority to take action to prevent the introduction and spread of infectious and contagious diseases in the state. COVID-19 has been recognized as an infectious and contagious disease and a pandemic in the State of Kansas resulting in illnesses, quarantines, school closures and temporary closure of businesses.

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, KDHE will publish the names of the educational institutions, daycares (excluding home daycares that are in a person's home due to privacy concerns), gatherings (excluding private events due to privacy concerns), governmental agencies, healthcare settings, group living, long term care facilities, sports teams and events, correctional facilities, public events, business entities, etc. with five or more Kansas resident COVID-19 cases with symptom onset dates in the last 14 days. This listing includes only cases within the last 14 days. Once a location no longer has five or more cases with symptom onset dates within the last 14 days, it will be removed from the list. This publication is in keeping with the KDHE effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 disease by notifying the public of recent risk of exposure. Notifications of this type are provided when the KDHE believes that the notification will benefit the public and aid in stopping the spread of the disease.