

What is the KDHE's policy regarding releasing names of locations associated with cases?

KDHE's policy can be viewed [online](#). KDHE will release the names of locations that have five or more cases with symptom-onset dates in the last 14 days.

Why is this information important for Kansans to know?

People are concerned about where they might be exposed as there is more and more community spread. KDHE believes that if we give people the information, they can determine for themselves whether their personal risk is increased for exposure and make decisions for themselves about reducing their risk. This may mean things such as maintain physical distancing from people better or wearing a mask more routinely.

KDHE first released names on September 9. Why did you change the criteria?

KDHE's initial criteria didn't translate into an immediate risk to the public. So, we took feedback into consideration, and beginning September 23 will be conveying locations that have five or more cases with symptom-onset dates in the last 14 days.

What should I do if I went to one of the locations identified in the last 14 days?

If a person went to one of the locations within the last 14 days, KDHE encourages them to monitor their health for symptoms of COVID-19 and if they are feeling sick, seek healthcare and ask to be tested.

How often is the list published and why that frequency?

The list will be published every Wednesday by 12:30 p.m. on the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#), under the "Cluster Summary" tab. KDHE only publishes the list once a week as it takes time for local health departments (LHD) to interview cases and try to figure out where a case might have been exposed. The list is sent to LHDs every Tuesday so that they can review their information and correct anything before published on Wednesdays.

What does "associated" mean?

After a COVID-19 case is identified, Public Health interviews the case to determine where they have gone in the last 14 days that might have exposed them to the virus. An LHD will associate a case with a location when it's in their best judgement that a location or event was where the person was exposed. Not every case will be associated with a location.

Are the total cases connected to the location listed?

No, KDHE is only listing the number of cases with symptom onset dates occurring in the last 14 days.

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When will a location be removed from the list?

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.

Do the locations include just Kansans or those from other states?

Our case numbers are reflective of only Kansas cases.