

## Press Release

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### **KDHE and Reno County Health Department Changing Focus from COVID Contact Tracing to Case Investigations and Education**

**Reno County, Kan.- January 14, 2022-** Following KDHE's announcement of changing focus away from COVID contact tracing, the Reno County Health Department will alter their procedures as well. Case Investigators will contact those who test positive and help them identify possible close contacts. The investigators can assist in notifying settings (school/work/activity) of possible exposure, but individuals will be responsible for notifying close contacts such as coworkers, friends, and family. Education will be provided on the new isolation and quarantine protocols.

#### Isolation recommendations for COVID positive individuals, regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves for at least 24 hrs. without fever reducing medication.

#### Quarantine guidelines for close contacts:

If you have been boosted, OR completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months, OR completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months, OR have had a laboratory confirmed Covid case in the last 90 days:

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

If you completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted, OR completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted, OR are unvaccinated:

- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you can't quarantine you need to wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

The Reno County Health Department is NOT providing testing. Please visit [www.KnowBeforeYouGoKS.com](http://www.KnowBeforeYouGoKS.com) for free testing locations or contact your medical provider.

The Health Department is administering vaccines during normal operating hours. Walk-ins are accepted for those age 12 and over. Appointments are required for children aged 5-11. Call 620-694-2900 and select option 6 for scheduling. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is no longer available at the Health Department.

The Health Department is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7:30am to noon, and 1 to 6pm, and Wednesday from 9am to noon and 1 to 6pm. For a ride to one of the vaccine sites, call RCAT at 620-694-2913. To view the Reno County COVID-19 dashboard, visit [www.renogov.org](http://www.renogov.org) and click on the dashboard link in the spotlight section.

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