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Re: COVID-19 Update and Call to Action

Junction City, KS – Geary Community Hospital and Konza Prairie Community Health Center call on the community to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease and safeguard public health. While the COVID-19 pandemic is ever changing- there are steps we can take that will mitigate its impact. It is important to note older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic conditions are at higher risk for developing complications. If you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or believe you may have been exposed to coronavirus please contact your healthcare provider.

There is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to stop the spread is to avoid being exposed. It is believed the virus spreads from person to person, between those who are within 6 feet. Respiratory droplets produced from coughing and sneezing can land in mouths or noses of people nearby or possibly inhaled.

If you have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, before going to a medical facility, contact Geary Community Hospital COVID-19 hotlines at 785-210-4214 or 785-210-4825 or Konza Prairie Community Health Center at 785-238-4711. Staff will provide medical guidance and information on next steps of the screening process.

You can help stop the spread! Practice these safety measures:

1. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water aren't available.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
4. Avoid contact with people who are sick and practice social distancing.
5. Stay home if you're sick.
6. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
7. Wear a facemask if you are sick.
8. Clean and disinfect surfaces daily.

For accurate and up to date information on coronavirus visit

http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/COVID-19_Resource_Center.htm