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As of 2:00 pm, McPherson County **does not** have any positive cases of COVID-19.

Quarantine for those returning from travel:

As of March 18, 2020, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and McPherson County Health Department (MCHD) issue new mandates for quarantine and isolation of travelers, close contacts and those being tested.

KDHE and MCHD are now **mandating** 14-day home quarantine for Kansans who have:

- Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (currently California, Florida, New York and Washington state) on or after March 15.
- Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin and Gunnison counties in Colorado in the week prior to March 15 or after.
- Traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15.
- Traveled internationally on or after March 15.
- Received notification from public health officials (state or local) that you are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case.

There is no need for returning travelers to notify KDHE of their return. However, if you fall into the above mentioned categories, McPherson County residents are asked to contact McPherson County Health Department for instruction on the 14-day home quarantine mandate.

Home Quarantine Quick Guidelines:

- A home quarantine guidance document is available at mcpersoncountyks.us.
- If a person develops symptoms of COVID-19 during their quarantine period, including fever of 100° (F) or higher and lower respiratory symptoms like coughing or shortness of breath, they should contact their provider or local hospital immediately and tell them about their recent travel or exposure.
- For more information on home quarantine, contact MCHD at 620-241-1753 or visit mcpersoncountyks.us.

Please help us protect our community members, friends and family by making smart choices and notifying public health appropriately.

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