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Coronavirus Message from the City of Derby

Derby, Kansas – The City of Derby is monitoring the Coronavirus situation and asking employees and residents to take precautions. The health of our community and residents is of the utmost importance.

At this time, small City meetings and small events will continue as scheduled while also implementing social distancing techniques to prevent spreading germs. For example, chairs in meetings are being spaced farther apart so people have less risk of exposure to someone else's sneeze or cough.

Individuals are encouraged to take precautions to avoid the spread of infection, such as washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home if you have symptoms of illness. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends older adults and those with compromised immune systems or serious underlying health conditions take extra precautions. Here are some other guidelines:

- Stay home if you have symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) or a fever (100.4 or higher on an oral thermometer) or signs of a fever.
- Stay home until you're fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines.
- Immediately leave your workplace if you begin to have acute respiratory illness symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath).
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or an elbow or shoulder if no tissue is available).
- Wash your hands often (especially before eating) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60-95% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Greet people without touching.
- Put a plan together for what you will do if you or a family member who is at high risk becomes sick.

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Find helpful information at:

- Sedgwick County Health Department:
www.sedgwickcounty.org/health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment: www.kdheks.gov
- KDHE information hotline: 1-866-534-3463 or 1-866-KDHE-INFO
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

“With a changing situation, it is difficult to know what to expect,” said Kathy Sexton, City Manager. “Preparing for what might come, whether an infectious disease or severe weather season, is something we each need to do to keep our community safe and healthy.”

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