

*****For immediate Release*****

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The City of Wellsville –The COVID-19 outbreak is being taken seriously by The City of Wellsville, Franklin County and all response partners.

Following the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the recommendations by the Federal Government, the City of Wellsville will be closing City Hall to the public effective immediately. At this time the City will continue to provide the same services.

City staff will be available by phone City Hall- PH (785-883-2296) City Shop- PH (785-883-2876) or email cityclerk@cityofwellsvilleks.com , courtclerk@cityofwellsvilleks.com, policedepartment@cityofwellsvilleks.com, buildinginspector@cityofwellsvilleks.com, utilityclerk@cityofwellsvilleks.com publicworksdepartment@cityofwellsvilleks.com Please remember there are also several ways to pay your utility/court bill we have online bill pay for utilities, drop slot, by mail, or by phone.

At this time, Franklin County has one positive case of COVID-19. All precautions have been taken and anyone who is believed to have come in close contact with this individual has been quarantined.

It is highly recommended that Franklin County residents practice social distancing and take this seriously. Individuals and their families should take all precautions to self-protect as well as protect those who are most vulnerable, including our healthcare workers on the front line. If you feel ill, please call your healthcare provider before going to their office. If you have questions regarding COVID-19, please contact 211. This service provided by the United Way is a great resource and will get you in contact with the correct agencies if necessary.

Everyone should take these common steps to avoid contracting COVID-19, Influenza A & B, and the seasonal cold.

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face and cover your face when coughing or sneezing.
- Refrain from personal contact with other people.
- Socially distance yourself from large gatherings of people.
- Utilize disinfectant products on common surfaces if you have to be out (grocery cart).
- Utilize hand sanitizers when hand washing is unavailable.

As guidance and recommendation's continue to change, please go to www.franklincoks.org/covid19 for updates and more information or contact Franklin County Communications Director Kaci Brady- kbrady@franklincoks.org