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PRESS RELEASE:

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

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Anderson County currently is and has been monitoring the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time there are **NO** confirmed cases reported in Anderson County. The Anderson County Health Department has been preparing for outbreaks and will continue working closely with local, state and federal partners to monitor, respond and inform the public of any potential threat.

In accordance with the CDC, Anderson County is recommending that for the next 8 weeks organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more. Additionally, the Public Health Officer recommends that all businesses that are able to close, starting 3/17/2020 - 03/22/2020, should do so. This includes, but is not limited to, schools, bars, factories as well as churches and other non-essential meetings/gatherings. If your workplace can isolate your workers and still conduct operations, please do that, instead of closing. Food service establishments are encouraged to practice social distancing/isolation and if it's necessary to use these establishments, community patrons should utilize drive-up windows for takeout, for this time period. This preemptive step will help control the spread of the Coronavirus.

Symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

DO NOT go to a Clinic, Hospital, ER, or Health Department without calling prior to arrival.

Everyone should take these common steps to avoid contracting COVID-19.

- Stay away from people who are ill
- If you have a compromised immune system or are considered a vulnerable population, avoid large gatherings, face to face time, and practice social distancing
- Stay home if sick
- Practice personal hygiene habits including handwashing, covering your cough, and avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth
- For more information you may call the Anderson County Health Department: (785)448-6559 Monday-Thursday 7:00am-5:30pm OR the COVID-19 Hotline: (866)534-3463
- You may also visit the COVID-19 Resource Center at :
<http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/index.htm>

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