

KDHE Policy for Identifying Active Clusters of COVID-19

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) oversees public health in the State of Kansas and has been granted the authority to take action to prevent the introduction and spread of infectious and contagious diseases in the state. COVID-19 has been recognized as an infectious and contagious disease and a pandemic in the State of Kansas resulting in illnesses, quarantines, school closures and temporary closure of businesses.

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 the KDHE works with educational institutions, governmental agencies, and business entities to identify persons infected with COVID-19 in an effort to stop the spread of the disease. In addition, the KDHE attempts to notify the public when outbreaks of disease occur. Notification are provided when the KDHE believes that the notification will benefit the public and aid in stopping the spread of the disease.

Based on the foregoing, KDHE will release the names of the educational institutions, governmental agencies, and business entities with an active cluster of COVID-19 disease when the following number of cases are reported:

Criteria for Releasing Names of Locations with a COVID-19 Outbreak		
Type	Number of Cases	Exceptions to Release
College or University	5+	
Corrections	5+	
Daycare	5+	Home daycares that are in a person's home will not be named due to privacy
Gatherings	5+	Private events will not be named due to privacy
Group Living	5+	
Healthcare	5+	
Long-term Care Facility	5+	
Schools	5+	
Sport Practices and Games	5+	
Meat Packing Plants	20+	
Private Businesses	20+	

Once a cluster is considered no longer active, typically once there have been 28 days without the occurrence of new cases, the facility will no longer appear on the named list of active clusters.