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Franklin County COVID Cases on the Rise

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, KS – The Franklin County Health Department has identified 14 new positive cases since Friday, June 5, 2020. Franklin County now has a total of 49 positive cases and 1298 negative test results. The Health Department is currently awaiting results from 45 pending tests.

The Franklin County Health Department is in the process of investigating each case and will contact anyone they believe should be tested based on pro-longed contact with the positive individuals. The Franklin County Emergency Management Mobile Command Center has been re-deployed to the Franklin County Annex parking lot enabling staff to test individuals under investigation in their vehicle without further public exposure. This is for scheduled testing only and is not open for public testing at this time.

The new cases include eight females and six males. Cases range in ages from 9 to 89 with several young adults being affected. The three cases reported over the weekend were symptomatic at the time of testing and could not be traced back to previous positive cases. The 11 remaining cases were mainly related to previous positive cases. Of the 14 total cases, eight were symptomatic and six were asymptomatic showing no signs or symptoms.

As Franklin County is beginning to see more symptomatic cases again and with the County almost completely re-opened, the Health Department and Health Officer, Dr. Bud Ransom, would like to reiterate the importance of taking preventative measures to protect yourself and those around you. Please wear a mask in public, practice social distancing, continue good hand-hygiene and thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces often.

For updated Franklin County information go to: www.franklincoks.org/covid19 or contact Franklin County Communications Director Kaci Brady – kbrady@franklincoks.org