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Press Release: COVID-19 Update

ECHD prioritizes the health and safety of all residents of Ellis County. We empathize with the fear and confusion of all residents of Ellis County and desire to provide the most up to date information possible.

A positive COVID-19 patient has been admitted to Hays Medical Center according to Hays Medical Center press release. This patient is not a resident of Ellis County. According to KDHE data as of 2:00 on 04/03/2020 Ellis County does NOT have any cases of COVID-19 in Ellis County Residents. We understand this creates confusion. Ellis County Health department cannot report on any cases that do not have a residence in or that directly impact the health and safety of Ellis County residents.

KDHE notifies the county health department of patient residence for anyone with a positive COVID-19 test. The health department in the patient's county of residence will begin a contact tracing and identify and notify any close contacts. Again, currently Ellis County does NOT have any cases of COVID-19 in Ellis County Residents. As information becomes available Ellis County Health Department will be the official source of information for COVID-19 patients that reside in or directly impact the health and safety of Ellis County Residents.

The public should continue to follow basic hygiene practices, engage in social distancing and continue to follow Governors Executive Order 20-16. If concerned about personal health, please call your family physician or the COVID-19 hotline at 877-261-7140. 911 services should be reserved for emergency care. We encourage all residents to stay home whenever possible. We understand and acknowledge that this is a fearful time for many and ECHD will continue to monitor the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and keep you updated.

Circumstances and education surrounding COVID-19 change rapidly. Please continue to stay up to date with information provided by ECHD, HMC, KDHE and the CDC to help limit the spread and impact of the virus.

For more information visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19 or www.kdheks.gov/.

