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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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As of 4:15 pm, McPherson County does not have any positive cases of COVID-19.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, McPherson County Health Department (MCHD) will continue to operate until further notice. MCHD is taking a proactive approach to protect our clients and our community.

Effective March 24, 2020, McPherson County Health Department will implement services by appointment only. Our front entrance will be locked during operating hours in order to keep gatherings less than 10-persons. If you have an appointment scheduled with us from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>, please expect to hear from our staff soon. We will assess each client's situation and will make the necessary changes to keep you safe. If you plan to utilize a walk-in service, please call ahead and we will further instruct you. When you arrive to MCHD, please stay in your vehicle or space yourself 6 feet apart from others and call our office phone for instruction.

McPherson County Health Department WIC Program is now available without physical presence.

- Current participants will continue to receive WIC benefits and new applicants will be assessed, certified and issued benefits.
- Clinic operating hours and staff availability will be subject to local and state orders related to the pandemic. Currently, the MCHD WIC Program is in operation at the following days and times:
  - Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 – 12:00 PM, 1:00 – 5:00 PM
  - Wednesdays 9:30 – 12:00 PM, 1:00 – 5:00 PM
- Normally, participants and applicants of the program must be physically present to receive services. A physical presence waiver is now in effect, allowing WIC appointments to occur using telephone, computer and other technology. Clinic staff will assess and certify applicants for eligibility and will issue food benefits remotely to those determined eligible.
- If you have an appointment already scheduled, please call us at that appointment time and we will further instruct you.
- Additional details about the Kansas WIC Program can be found here: [www.kansaswic.org/families](http://www.kansaswic.org/families)

McPherson County Health Department Family Planning Program will also continue to be available during the pandemic until further notice. If you are due for an annual exam, need to pick up or receive your contraceptives, or need to schedule a problem visit, please call our office. We are happy to answer your questions and work towards keeping you safe, while also supporting your health needs.

McPherson County Health Department will schedule essential Immunization Appointments at this time. If you are scheduled for an appointment, please only bring the patient and necessary parent/legal guardian. Screening at the front door will take place to ensure everyone's safety.

Thank you for working with us during this challenging time. We are thankful to have such a great, supportive community!

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