



CITY OF DODGE CITY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Week of March 23 - 27, 2020

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

1. We continue to remain fully operational while providing our services in a different fashion. We encourage everyone to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofdodgecity and check our website, www.dodgecity.org, as this situation is ever-evolving, and we are doing our best to share up to date information. Additional resources for the most up-to-date and accurate information can be found at

- https://ford-county-coronavirus-response-fordcountygis.hub.arcgis.com/?fbclid=IwAR3EYy9jAv7fXNcJIHl3m5yFdiOvZ9XeZdIt7l2pe_wCDJusWtnd-5OZirY;
- <https://govstatus.egov.com/coronavirus>, and;
- <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding as we work through these times.

2. During this ongoing period, we are encouraging customers to pay their utility bills online, through the dropbox located on the north side of City Hall, over the phone, or by mail. For online payments, go to <https://www.dodgecity.org/678/Pay> and follow the instructions to set up payments. If you have questions, call the billing office at 620-225-8111.
3. Municipal Court is providing continuances for all hearings at this time and rescheduling them for a date in May. The court staff is mailing a notice of hearing to each person with their new date. The public may call them at 620-225-8107 or email the court with any questions about their case at court@dodgecity.org. The email would need to include the individual's name and date of birth. The following payment options are available: over the phone at 620-225-8107, online at <https://www.dodgecity.org/678/Pay>, or use the dropbox on the north side of City Hall.
4. City parks remain open at this time and are essential resources for health and wellness during the COVID-19 outbreak while maintaining social distancing and abiding by Gov. Kelly's executive order 20-14, to limit social gathering to 10 people or less. Sports complexes and Mariah Hills Golf Course Pro Shop are the exception to this and are closed to public access.
5. Central Avenue is now open to two-way traffic! The Pavement Marking Sub-Contractor arrived on Thursday and started work to install the new pavement markings on Central Ave. from Spruce St. through the Comanche St. intersection to Aspen St. The pavement markings on Comanche St. will also be replaced from the Farmer's Market driveway/Ave. A to 1st Ave.



The double yellow center lines were placed early this afternoon and the message

boards now read "Two-Way Traffic, Keep Right" officially initiating the change to two-way traffic.

6. City Administration staff has been reaching out to local social service agencies to see if they need any additional assistance or have any concerns during COVID-19. The entities have expressed that they are continuing to serve the community and appreciate the generosity of donors that have provided much-needed resources. Some of the entities did have some specific requests for items, including the Manna House located at 1012 1st Ave., who are in need of beans, rice, and tomato sauce. If you would like to donate, please call in advance to make arrangements to drop off items at (620) 227-6707.

In addition, Genesis Family Health, located at 1700 Ave F., is requesting rice, beans, macaroni and cheese, and cereal. To arrange a drop off at the door, please contact Elva Dominguez or Uriel Campos at 620-225-0625. They are open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday –Friday and closed from 12 pm to 1 pm for lunch.

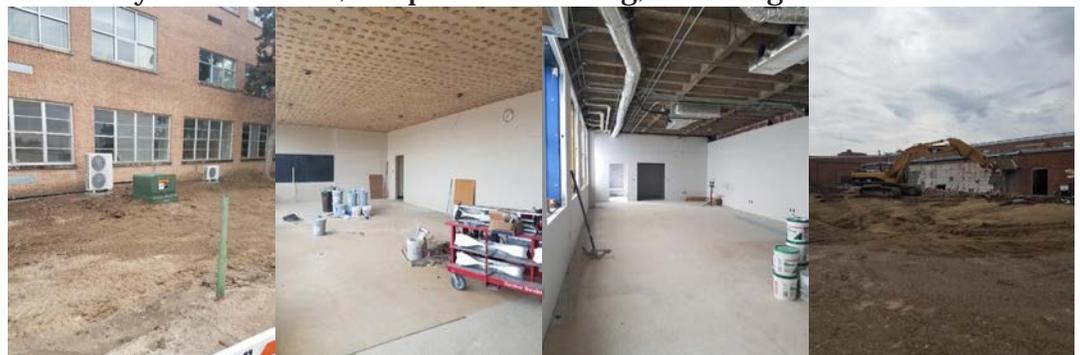
7. Utility crews have been installing a new water main on Rath Ave. this week. This water main will upgrade 41 water services to residents in that area. Staff would like to remind residents driving in that area to use caution when traveling through work zones on Rath Ave. A portion of the street will be reduced to one lane over the weekend and most of next week.



8. Sanitation Crews would like to remind residents to place their polykarts at least 5 feet from any stationary objects that may be at the curb in front of a resident's house. This space is needed so that workers can pick up residents' trash quickly and efficiently. If residents have questions or concerns about where to place their polykarts, they can contact Public Works at 620-225-8170.



9. Conant Construction continues to make progress on the Hennessey Hall Projects and the YMCA:
- KLETC Progress — All the drywall has been hung. Mud, tape, and texture will begin on 3/27, followed by painting, floor covering, doors, trim, and blinds. The electrical panel will be set, and power tied in next week as well.
 - REWA Progress — All of the walls have been patched and are getting primed. The HVAC units have been set, as well as the new transformer to power the remodeled rooms. Priming will finish early next week, and paint will follow.
 - YMCA Progress — The interior of the old weight room has been gutted out. A new gas line has been installed, and the gas meter has been moved. The new gas service is tied back into the building. Major demolition started on 3/25, with the existing structure getting torn down. This process will take 3-4 days. From there, the piers will be dug, and the grade beam will be dug. Rough ins and concrete will follow. The new building delivers on 4/2. Barring any weather delays, this addition will move along smoothly.



10. Parks and Facilities Athletic Field Maintenance staff are in the process of overseeding some fields at the St. Mary Soccer Complex, and Cavalier Baseball Field. Staff will also be doing some spot overseeding at Legends Baseball/Softball Complex.
11. Parks and Facilities Forestry/Landscape staff were busy moving trees from the tree field into Divisions 7 and 10 at Maple Grove Cemetery. A total of 6 trees were planted.
12. Parks and Facilities Athletic Field Maintenance staff continue working while practicing social distancing. Although no games are scheduled this month, staff continue preparing for the season. This week staff sprayed a pre-emergent herbicide to control weed growth.



13. The Long Branch Lagoon is currently offering the buy 3 get one free season pass sale now through March 31. Passes are available at lagoon.com or by calling (620) 225-8156.
14. Regional Business Operation Information During COVID-19—Are you curious if a business is closed or has changed its business operations? The Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce created a resource page to keep everyone informed. Go to <http://www.dodgechamber.com/covid-19-resources/additional-information/>

CITY CALENDAR

Mon., April 6 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, Virtual Meeting TBD
 Mon., April 20 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, Virtual Meeting TBD

COVID-19: SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS

- Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.
- Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass.
- Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.
- Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.
- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.

INRPA National Recreation and Park Association
 Because everyone deserves a great park

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For Immediate Release

03/22/2020

Information is accurate as of 1500 03/22/2020

Ford County, Kansas – The Ford County Board of County Commissioners would like to provide an update to Ford County citizens, address popular rumors and provide essential facts.

The Kansas City metro area is making an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 with a shelter-in-place order while other counties have also instituted no-travel-orders. Fortunately, Ford County citizens have been doing a wonderful job social distancing, staying home, minimizing public interactions and generally making the right decisions to protect the health and safety of our family-community.

It is important that everyone continue practicing social distancing, staying home and only making public contact for essential services. Please keep in mind that the changes in lifestyle we are recommending are temporary and will not be a “new way of life” forever. All of us have to remain calm, patient and clear when it comes to our response to COVID-19.

Rumors:

- 1) The “panic buying” that communities are seeing across the country is a natural response to fear. In our case, “panic buying” is only making it more difficult for local vendors to provide an adequate amount of stock and supplies. Local grocers have had to modify business hours due to “panic buying” and that makes this whole situation even more difficult and scary. So, in reality, any shortage of products and availability has been created by “panic” and not necessity.

Recommendation: At this time, it is recommended that everyone refrain from “panic buying” and shop as you normally would before COVID-19. If we all do that, business hours will be restored and everyone will have an opportunity to buy all of the things they need.

- 2) The National Guard has not been called in for martial law. Ford County is not under martial law and there are no plans to be under martial law.
- 3) The electronic signs you are seeing on the highway are for construction to begin on replacing components of the bridge at U-400.
- 4) There are pictures of “essential worker” letters being distributed on the Internet – at this time, there is no official order for any workers in Ford County to carry such a letter to perform the functions of their job. This is something select employers are doing on their own and that is okay.

Facts:

- 1) If you have traveled from a "hot zone" into Ford County, you will be subject to mandatory quarantine.
- 2) If you are a close contact of a confirmed positive case, you will be subject to mandatory quarantine.
- 3) There are processes in place to ensure availability of response supplies and COVID-19 testing kits – individuals tested will have to meet certain criteria.
- 4) If, at any time, Ford County identifies evidence of community spread / transmission, we will communicate the next steps and recommendations as soon as possible.
- 5) If, at any time, Ford County needs to shelter-in-place or restrict travel, we will communicate that directly to the citizens of Ford County as soon as possible.

Self-Education / Self-Inform:

- 1) To learn more about sheltering-in-place or how to prepare your family for emergencies in general, please visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/cphp/families.htm>
- 2) Please explore the KDHE website for up-to-date, bona fide information.

Ford County and community partners are still working hard every day to stay up-to-date and informed. Ford County Fire/EMS, Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, Public Health and Administration are still working around-the-clock to mitigate COVID-19.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please call the KDHE Hotline KDHE Hotline 1.866.534.3463 or email them to:

J.D. Gilbert, B.S., M.B.A.
Email: jgilbert@fordcounty.net

If you feel you are in need of COVID-19 testing because of active symptoms or recent travel to areas with confirmed cases, please call your medical provider. Medical providers, Western Plains Medical Complex and Ford County Health Department have the ability to test for COVID-19.

Please visit the following links for more information:

www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
www.cdc.gov/covid19

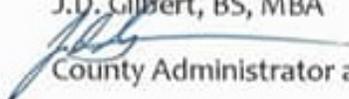
Ford County Health Department recommendations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- ✓ Use proper handwashing techniques
- ✓ Avoid attending large gatherings and work if you are feeling ill
- ✓ Avoid touching your mouth, eyes, nose without first washing your hands
- ✓ Cover your cough and sneeze
- ✓ Clean and disinfect contact surfaces (home, office, etc.)

Important Telephone Numbers:

KDHE Hotline 1.866.534.3463
Ford County Public Health Department 620.227.4545

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Para la liberación inmediata

03/22/2020

La información es exacta a partir del 1500 03/22/2020

Condado de Ford, Kansas - La Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Ford desea proporcionar una actualización a los ciudadanos del Condado de Ford, abordar los rumores populares y proporcionar hechos esenciales.

El área metropolitana de Kansas City está haciendo un esfuerzo para frenar la propagación de COVID-19 con un pedido de refugio en el lugar, mientras que otros condados también han instituido pedidos sin viaje. Afortunadamente, los ciudadanos del Condado de Ford han estado haciendo un maravilloso trabajo de distanciasocial, quedándose en casa, minimizando las interacciones públicas y generalmente tomando las decisiones correctas para proteger la salud y la seguridad de nuestra comunidad familiar.

Es importante que todos sigan practicando el distanciamiento social, quedándose en casa y sólo haciendo contacto público para los servicios esenciales. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que los cambios en el estilo de vida que estamos recomendando son temporales y no será una "nueva forma de vida" para siempre. Todos tenemos que mantener la calma, paciente y claro cuando se trata de nuestra respuesta a COVID-19.

Rumores:

1) La "compra de pánico" que las comunidades están viendo en todo el país es una respuesta natural al miedo. En nuestro caso, "comprar pánico" sólo está haciendo más difícil para los proveedores locales proporcionar una cantidad adecuada de stock y suministros. Los tenderos locales han tenido que modificar el horario comercial debido a la "compra de pánico" y eso hace que toda esta situación sea aún más difícil y cicatrices y. Por lo tanto, en realidad, cualquier escasez de productos y disponibilidad ha sido creada por "pánico" y no por necesidad.

Recomendación: En este momento, se recomienda que todo el mundo se abstenga de "comprar pánico" y compre como lo haría normalmente antes de COVID-19. Si todos hacemos eso, el horario comercial será restaurado y todos tendrán la oportunidad de comprar todas las cosas que necesitan.

2) La Guardia Nacional no ha sido llamada para la ley marcial. El condado de Ford no está bajo la ley marcial y no hay planes para estar bajo la ley marcial.

3) Las señales electrónicas que está viendo en la carretera son para la construcción para comenzar a reemplazar los componentes del puente en U-400.

4) Hay fotos de cartas de "trabajadores esenciales" que se distribuyen en Internet - en este momento, no hay una orden oficial para que ningún trabajador en el Condado de Ford lleve tal carta para realizar las funciones de su trabajo. Esto es algo que los empleadores selectos están haciendo por su cuenta y eso está bien.

Hechos:

- 1) Si usted ha viajado desde una "zona caliente" al condado de Ford, usted estará sujeto a cuarentena obligatoria.
- 2) Si usted es un contacto cercano de un caso positivo confirmado, usted estará sujeto a cuarentena obligatoria.
- 3) Existen procesos para garantizar la disponibilidad de suministros de respuesta y kits de prueba COVID-19 - las personas probadas tendrán que cumplir ciertos criterios.
- 4) Si, en cualquier momento, el Condado de Ford identifica evidencia de propagación/transmisión de la comunidad, comunicaremos los siguientes pasos y recomendaciones tan pronto como sea posible.
- 5) Si, en cualquier momento, el Condado de Ford necesita refugiarse en el lugar o restringir los viajes, lo comunicaremos directamente a los ciudadanos del Condado de Ford tan pronto como sea posible.

Auto-Educación/ Auto-Informar:

- 1) Para obtener más información sobre el refugio en el lugar o cómo preparar a su familia para emergencias en general, por favor visite <http://www.kdheks.gov/cphp/families.htm>
- 2) Por favor, explore el sitio web de KDHE para obtener información actualizada y de buena fe.

El Condado de Ford y los socios de la comunidad todavía están trabajando duro todos los días para mantenerse al día e informado. Ford County Fire/EMS, Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, Public Health and Administration todavía están trabajando las 24 horas del día para mitigar COVID-19.

Si tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a COV ID-191, llame a la línea directa KDHE KDHE 1.866.534.3463 o envíela por correo electrónico a:

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Visite los siguientes enlaces para obtener más información:

www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
www.cdc.gov/covid19

Recomendaciones del Departamento de Salud del Condado de Ford para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de COVID-19:

- ✓ Utilizar técnicas adecuadas de lavado de manos
- ✓ Evite asistir a grandes reuniones y trabajar si se siente mal
- ✓ Evite tocarse la boca, los ojos, la nariz sin lavarse primero las manos
- ✓ Cubrir la tos y estornudar
- ✓ Limpiar y desinfectar las superficies de contacto (hogar, oficina, etc.)

Números de teléfono importantes:

Línea directa de KDHE 1.866.534.3463

Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Ford 620.227.4545

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CodeRED™

Uses The CodeRED® system will be used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts.

Caller ID When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

- Emergency Notifications
1-866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm
- General Notifications
1-855-969-4636 or General Comm

Privacy Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

Join Our Database To make sure you receive notifications, please register at

<http://www.fordcounty.net/> At the top click the services drop down menu and click on Sign up for Emergency Notifications.



CodeRED™

Usos El sistema CodeRED® puede ser utilizado para toda las comunicaciones críticas, de los avisos de evacuación a las alertas de niños desaparecidos.

Identificado de Llamadas Cuando vea el siguiente visualiza, usted sabrá que la llamada es de nosotros. Si desea escuchar el ultimo mensaje a su teléfono, solo tiene que marcar el numero.

- Emergency Notifications (Emergencia)
1-866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm
- General Notifications
1-855-969-4636 or General Comm

Privacidad Su información de contacto se mantiene privado y solo se utilizara para las notificaciones de la comunidad.

Registrar a Nuestro Base de Datos Para asegurarse de que recibe las notificaciones, por favor regístrese en

<http://www.fordcounty.net/>

Para registrarte a recibir notificaciones de emergencia selecta el menú desplegable en la parte superior de la página nombrado servicios.

Your Victory Electric Payment Options

Victory Electric has several convenient payment options available for our members. We realize one method of payment does not fit every member's need, so we have multiple payment choices so you can choose what works best for you.

1. Mail



Victory Electric's monthly bill comes complete with a return envelope you can insert your check and mail to us at P.O. Box 1335 or P.O. Box 1398 Dodge City, KS 67801. **** Please note, ALL mail goes to Wichita to be sorted, so please allow additional time if using USPS. Payments must be received in our office on or prior to the due date. We DO NOT use the mailing post date.**

2. Drop boxes



A drop box is available for your convenience just west of Victory Electric's main entrance. Payments left after 7:30 a.m., Monday - Friday are posted the next business day. The other drop box is in downtown Dodge City by the City of Dodge City building at **806 N. 2nd Avenue**. Payments left after 8:30 a.m., Monday - Friday are posted the next business day. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT CASH IN THE DROP BOXES** ****Victory Electric is not liable for lost or stolen payments.**

3. Phone



Members can call **866-999-8494** and pay over the phone 24/7 with a credit/debit card or check. We recommend members use their account number when calling to ensure accuracy. Also, be prepared to create a 4-digit PIN number. **** For security and to comply with federal Red Flag Rules, Victory Electric employees cannot accept payments over the phone.**

FREE Service | No Fees

5. Online bill pay through SmartHub

FREE Service | No Fees



Online bill pay is also available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Click the online bill pay button at the top of Victory Electric's website or go directly **victoryelectric.smarthub.coop**. Members can also download the "Smart Hub" app from the Apple or Android marketplaces on any mobile device.

6. SmartHub Quick Bill Pay

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Don't have time to create a SmartHub account but you want to pay online, click the Quick Bill Pay button at the top of Victory Electric's website or go directly **<https://victoryelectric.smarthub.coop/PayNow.html>**.

7. PowerMyWay

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PowerMyWay is a self-managed pay-as-you-go billing plan with no deposits, no late fees, no disconnect or reconnect charges. Just pay \$50 dollars toward future electricity and after that, you can pay as much or as little as you want on an as-needed basis. Every day your balance will adjust based on how much electricity you used the previous day and when you have less than \$25 left in your account, you will receive a text message, email or phone call reminder that you need to make a payment. Your account information and balance is available 24/7 on SmartHub.

8. Budget Billing



Victory Electric also has budget billing (also referred to as even-pay) for those members who prefer to pay the same amount each month. Payments are set at your 12-month average, making it easy to budget. An accurate 12-month history of your current residence electric use helps determine payments. This monthly average and billing amount is updated each year based on the previous year's average electricity use.

9. AutoPay



Paying your bill doesn't have to be hard to take a lot of your time. With AutoPay, your electric bill payment can be automatically withdrawn from a bank account or credit/debit card each month. Sign-up is available through SmartHub. Auto payments are automatically withdrawn on the due date of the bill, and no action is required from you. It can take up to 30 days to initiate the automatic withdraws on your account/card. Check your electric bill to ensure it reflects "bank draft" status. You will continue to receive a monthly bill, unless you opt to go paperless and receive your statement by email.

10. Group invoice billing



If you have multiple Victory Electric accounts, you can sign up for group invoice billing and only receive one bill in the mail. All individual account statements will still be included, but a summary statement will also accompany the individual statements that lists each electric account number, the corresponding amount due for each account, and a combined total of the individual accounts/bills at the bottom on the payment slip.

If you are interested or have any questions about any of the above payment methods or programs, more information can be found on our website at victoryelectric.net or by calling Victory Electric's office at 620-227-2139 or 800-279-7915.

***We do not accept starter/counter checks for bill payment.**



DC3 COVID-19 Update

By Lance Ziesch

The health and wellbeing of our Dodge City Community College faculty and staff is of critical importance to us as we navigate the waters of the current coronavirus situation. For the personal safety of you and your families, we are taking the following measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

- DC3 Conversation Day on April 9 has been canceled.
- All DC3 Commencement exercises and related activities on May 2 are canceled.
- In general, all other on-campus events are hereby canceled through May 31.
- The DC3 Wellness Center, Weight Room, and Student Activity Center are closed indefinitely.
 - The DC3 Library, SARC and Math Lab are all closed through April 4.
 - All classroom and campus spaces for students are closed indefinitely.
 - All campus proctoring has been suspended indefinitely.
- Currently, the DC3 Childcare Development Center is still open and operating at regular business hours.

As we transition a majority of our classes to a fully online format, faculty are encouraged to make use of Canvas, Zoom, Skype for Business, email, and text messages where appropriate. Technical education faculty needing to conduct hands-on lab or shop sessions need to receive approval for **every session** from Dr. Tatro. Students also will be subjected to a screening protocol prior to every session and will adhere to social distancing protocols. These sessions also will likely be offered at times that differ from the regularly scheduled class times.

Guidance, regulation, clinical availability, and administrative decisions could likely change daily, so faculty should be prepared to make regular adjustments to the COVID-19 protocols identified above. We are receiving guidance from regulatory entities such as the State of Kansas, Ford County, the Kansas Board of Regents, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, and the Kansas Board of Cosmetology, and they could change suggested protocols into regulations at any time.

Enrollment for Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 will open as scheduled on March 30. Because of COVID-19 concerns, many students and their families will undoubtedly choose to enroll by phone or email. Enrollment applications are also available online. For assistance, students may contact Jorge Estrella at jestrella@dc3.edu or (620) 430-3298; Amber Fuller at afuller@dc3.edu or (620) 227-9207; Melanie Chaussee at mchaussee@dc3.edu or (620) 227-9262; or Josue Gomez at jgomez@dc3.edu or (620) 227-9264. Previously enrolled students may contact their advisors by email to enroll. If students need to know the names of their advisors or how to contact them, they may contact Registrar Susan Gibbs at sgibbs@dc3.edu or (620) 227-9327.

Again, amidst all of the craziness of the current COVID-19 situation, please know we care deeply about you and your families, and we want you all to be safe. We are all in this together, and we will get through it. **#WeAreDC3**
#ThisIsHowWeConquer



COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE



A Message from the Executive, Jackie Regan

Dear YMCA members, participants, and supporters,

We understand that this is uncertain times for everyone. We are all in this together, and we want you to know we are here for our community. Even though our facility is closed, the Y is continuing to provide services that support our mission and we **need your help** to continue to serve those who need us.

The Y is currently offering childcare for the essential employees that are keeping our community running. We are following all KDHE regulations as a licensed facility. Our priority is keeping your child, and your family safe and healthy. We have partnered with USD 443 to provide breakfast and lunch and we hope to aid Dodge City Public schools with enrichment and tutoring for those youth who need it in the coming weeks.

We are also providing a Senior Outreach service. We are reaching out to our most vulnerable population, our seniors, to ensure they are supported, have access to services and are connected at this time. We can provide them with grocery and errand service or one or both! If you know anyone in need of this PLEASE don't hesitate to reach out to refer them to us!

For those that need some help staying motivated, our FREE Virtual online classes are a great opportunity to enjoy many of the classes our Y has, as well as additional classes from Y's across our nation. Visit YMCA360.org and try one or more today!

Lastly, we all know it is important to keep our faith intact at this time. The YMCA is a Christian based organization and we will be providing inspirational and spiritual material on our social media over the next few days, weeks and months. Feel free to check it out and follow on our Dodge City Family YMCA Facebook page.

In conclusion, I want to ask you all to STAY WITH US! As a non-profit the Y needs all of you to continue to support us with membership, programs and donations as we work through these challenges. Please reach out if you are interested in finding out more information on how you can support your YMCA and your community!

Yours in Y Spirit,
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Boot Hill Museum, Inc.

A 501(C)3 Charitable Organization

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VIRTUAL DODGE CITY HISTORY LESSONS FROM BOOT HILL MUSEUM

Boot Hill Museum in partnership with Rocking M Media, began producing history videos at the museum complex for the public to enjoy online titled “New Connections to the Old West”. Each day, there is a segment that is recorded on a specific Dodge City history topic or entertainment videos that include can-can dancing, singing, and other activities. The museum curators, entertainers, and volunteers are brought in to discuss various Dodge City history pieces that include demonstrations and some that include downloadable worksheets for children and families. “We understand the disappointment many students and travelers are feeling right now, so we wanted to stay in touch to the best of our ability. We hope the daily New Connections to the Old West will provide a few moments of fun and serve as a resource for parents and teachers” said Boot Hill Museum Director, Lara Brehm.

People are able to go to the Boot Hill Museum Facebook page and watch live or recorded videos. The staff will also be uploading these interactive lessons on their YouTube channel with links that will allow viewers to download fun pages that coincide with that particular lesson. Boot Hill Museum will continue to produce these unique history videos while their museum is closed to the public and will continue to post regular announcements, updates, and content. While the gift shop is temporarily closed, the online store is now up and running at BootHill.org. Customers will now be able to purchase their favorite products, souvenirs, and Kansas made items through the online store.



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Dodge City's

Project Dinner

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, many Dodge Citizens have been laid off or have lost their jobs. We are here to help!

**pick up a free dinner
prepared by Prime on the Nine
provided by local sponsors**

Saturday, March 28

5:45 - 6:45 pm

(while supplies last)

drive-thru service at

QUICK DRAW OIL CHANGE

1103 W Wyatt Earp

If you would be interested in becoming one of our sponsors, please contact Bonnie @ 620-408-6576

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

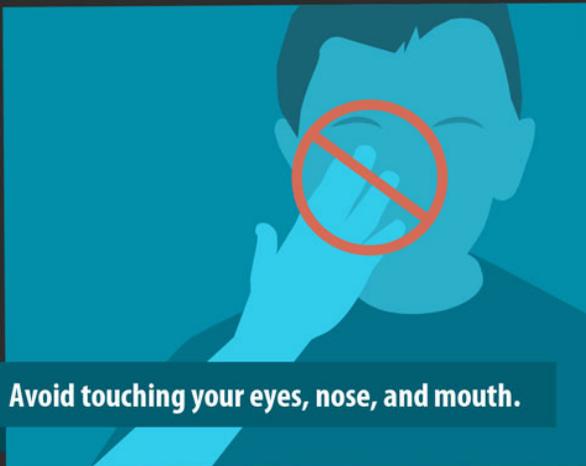
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Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!

WASH YOUR HANDS!



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Help us achieve a Complete Count! ¡Ayúdanos a lograr un Censo Completo!

If you received the invitation to respond to the 2020 Census, you are now able to complete it online, phone or mail. Just follow the instructions.

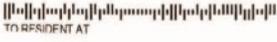
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TO RESIDENT AT



U.S. CENSUS BUREAU 801-3732

March 12, 2020

Dear Resident:

This is your invitation to respond to the **2020 Census**. We need your help to count everyone in the United States by providing basic information about all adults, children, and babies living or staying at this address.

Results from the 2020 Census will be used to:

- Direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Help your community prepare to meet transportation and emergency readiness needs.
- Determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and your political representation at all levels of government.

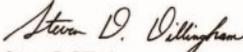
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The Census Bureau is using the internet to securely collect your information. Responding online helps us conserve natural resources, save taxpayer money, and process data more efficiently. If you are unable to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, we will send you a paper questionnaire in a few weeks for you to complete and mail back.

The census is so important that your response is required by law, and your answers are kept completely confidential. If you do not respond, we will need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to your home to collect your answers in person. If you need help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll-free 1-844-330-2020.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Dillingham
Director

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Census data matters to your community.

An under count in **Dodge City** means our community could miss out on approximately **\$64,333.80** in federal funding (over 10 years) for each household that is missed in the 2020 Census.

KANSAS COUNTS CENSUS2020

FACTS ABOUT DODGE CITY *(based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau)*

COMMUNITY:

Total Population (as of 2017): **27,961**

Population Change Since 2010: **+621**

Median Age: **29.3**



ECONOMY:

Median Household Income: **\$46,770**

Number of Residents (age 16+) Employed: **19,950**

Number Employed in Health Care, Social Assistance, and Educational Services: **2,057**

Population Working Outside of City: **28.1%**

Average Commute Time to Work: **13.5 minutes**



HEALTH:

Number of Population with Health Insurance: **22,768**

Number with Private Insurance (i.e. Employer, Direct-Purchase): **17,882**

Number with Public Health Insurance (i.e., Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare/military): **6,783**

Number with No Insurance: **4,779**



*Residents can have multiple forms of insurance

HOUSING & LIVING:

Median Household Size: **3.09**

Median Household Value: **\$106,100**

Total Number of Structures: **9,359**

Single Unit: **6,453**

Multi-Unit: **1,962**

Mobile Home: **944**

Boat, RV, van, etc.: **N/A**

Households with Broadband Internet Access: **6,291**



EDUCATION:

Number of School-age Children: **7,564**

Total Population Over 25 Years of Age: **15,849**

*Graduated High School (incl. GED): **3,894**

*Attained Some College, No Degree: **3,035**

*Attained Associates Degree: **1,219**

*Attained Bachelor's Degree: **1,741**

*Attained Graduate or Professional Degree: **882**



*Data points indicate highest education level achieved

Ensure that **you count, Dodge City counts, and Kansas counts** by completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.