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### **Positive COVID-19 Patients in Shawnee County**

**(Topeka, Kan., March 25, 2020)** — Today we received two positive test results for patients of Stormont Vail Health. Both are residents of Shawnee County.

The team at Stormont Vail followed all safety precautions and guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as local and state health departments.

Stormont Vail fully supports the Safer at Home initiative set forth in Shawnee County and is closely following guidelines to “flatten the curve”. Preventing and delaying as many COVID-19 cases is imperative to prevent our health system from being overwhelmed.

“The University of Kansas Health System - St. Francis Campus has their first patient today. Together, we are working to serve our community through this pandemic,” said Robert Kenagy, M.D., president and CEO, Stormont Vail Health.

The privacy of our patients is of the utmost importance, and we ask that the media contact Matt Lara, public relations specialist, for any requests prior to coming to our campus.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever and cough or shortness of breath. Concerned individuals should seek medical help right away, calling ahead to their primary care providers or before going to an emergency room. Patients presenting to Stormont Vail or a Cotton O-Neil Clinic should call (785) 354-6000 before arriving. If this is a medical emergency, call 911.

**About Stormont Vail Health:** Stormont Vail Health is a nonprofit integrated health system that has been serving the health care needs of Kansas for more than 130 years. Stormont Vail has been recognized as a Magnet® organization since 2009 by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. It is composed of Stormont Vail Hospital, a 586-bed acute care hospital, and Cotton O’Neil Clinic, a multi-specialty physician group with more than 500 providers, which includes more than 250 physicians. Nearly 5,300 employees provide care and support services for patients in the hospital and 35 other locations, including the Cotton O’Neil Heart Center, Cancer Center, Diabetes & Endocrinology Center, Digestive Health Center, Pediatrics clinics and 10 regional primary care clinics. Stormont Vail Health is committed to its mission of

improving the health of the community by being a national leader in providing compassionate, high quality and efficient integrated care through collaboration that results in a healthier community. For more information about Stormont Vail and Cotton O'Neil, visit [stormontvail.org](http://stormontvail.org). For breaking news and videos, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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