

Local Infectious Disease Response Update

- Case management efforts for isolated tuberculosis cases identified in February 2025 remain ongoing.
- Other infectious disease cases continue to be investigated as they are identified.
- The last week of August brought an increase in community inquiries regarding COVID-19.
- COVID-19 infections were confirmed in three long-term care facilities in Winfield.

Public Health Protective Actions:

- All currently recommended infection control protocols remain in place as provided by the Public Health Officer and Health Department.
- The State's measles outbreak declaration ended on August 21.
 - No measles cases were reported in Cowley County during the outbreak.
- Ongoing collaboration with local school districts and parents/guardians is supporting catch-up vaccinations for school-aged children.
- The Health Department is closely monitoring the current environment of vaccine mis/disinformation circulating through social media and other channels. We are working to project how this may affect local immunization activities and remain committed to providing timely, consistent, and accurate information while adapting our response to community needs.
- Respiratory Season (Oct. 31-Mar. 31) is quickly approaching.
 - Influenza vaccinations will begin in both clinics on September 15.
 - We will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines as soon as doses are received.
- Listen to our HD podcast. Search "For the Health of It – Cowley County" wherever you listen to your podcasts.

Respectfully Submitted
Thomas Langer – Public Health Officer

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