

Atchison Co Jail inmate test positive for COVID-19

(KAIR)--An inmate in the Atchison County Jail has tested positive for COVID-19.

That word came Tuesday in a Facebook post by Sheriff Jack Laurie.

Laurie said the jail confirmed the case over the weekend. He said the infected person, is a pretrial detainee, that had completed the recommended quarantine period after booking.

Laurie said there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 with any other inmate nor jail staff at this time.

He said the jail staff took immediate steps and precautions suggested by their contracted health care provider and the local health department. Laurie said some protocols have been enhanced, such as stricter personal protective gear requirements for jail staff and inmates.

He said the jail implemented quarantine and isolation protocols in March. Laurie said these procedures have worked very well for the last seven months and they will continue with the same practice.

He said they will continue to monitor the situation to prevent further spread.

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