

Atchison schools prepare for coronavirus

(KAIR)--The Atchison Public Schools are making plans in the event of a local coronavirus diagnosis.

On Saturday, Kansas officials confirmed that a Kansas City-area woman who recently traveled to the east coast of the United States is the first case of coronavirus in the state.

She lives in Johnson County, the state's most populous county.

Gov. Laura Kelly and health officials said the woman is isolating herself at home after seeing her doctor, while Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Lee Norman said she is “doing very well.”

Last week, prior to the Kansas diagnosis, Renee Scott, Superintendent for Atchison’s USD 409 told MSC News the school district is currently monitoring the coronavirus situation, and adhering to any guidance provided by the Kansas Association of School Boards and the Kansas State Department of Education.

She said the district is being diligent in its sanitation procedures, especially in such areas as the nurse’s office.

Scott said USD 409 is currently working on creating a more specific plan in accordance with the school district’s emergency operations plan.

Last week, a Kansas Legislative Committee approved an increase in state aid to local health departments as coronavirus preparations continue.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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