

KS reports first COVID-19 death

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas health officials announced Thursday that the state has seen its first COVID-19 death, a man in his 70s who lived in a nursing home in the Kansas City, Kansas area.**

**The man's case was the fifth confirmed coronavirus case in the state. Three other cases involving men age 35-65 also were announced Thursday.**

**Lee Norman, the state's secretary of health and environment, said the man died at a local hospital Wednesday after being admitted with heart problems, Norman said. Gov. Laura Kelly declared a state of emergency so that the state can better free up resources.**

**Mary Beverly, the interim director of the Johnson County Health Department, earlier on Thursday said the three latest confirmed Kansas cases are men who all attended a conference in Florida.**

**Beverly says the men did not have symptoms until after they returned from the conference and they are not seriously ill.**

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