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Kansas to stop COVID-19 contact tracing

(AP)--Kansas health officials say the state will stop contact tracing for COVID-19 next month.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment said Tuesday that contact tracing has become futile because of increased COVID-19 cases and the public's declining interest in participating.

The change means people who test positive for the virus will be responsible for notifying their close contacts about possible exposure. If the person has been exposed at high-risk settings such as schools or daycares, state or local health departments will notify the setting, which will be responsible for notifying close contacts about the potential exposure.

The change takes effect on Feb. 1.

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