

COVID-19 has increased significantly in Kane County and we have had several extremely sick patients. The medical community pleads that everyone wear a mask in public, social distance, wash your hands, and stay home if you are feeling ill. We ask that the community come together for the greater good and health of the cities and county. Please wear a mask for the ones you love, for grandparents, parents, and siblings. Wearing a mask is a simple way to aid in public health and protect those closest to us. If the number of cases continues to rise, the hospital system will face challenges in providing necessary care.

Kane County Hospital (KCH) has been recognized as one of the top critical access hospitals in the country, however we are a rural facility and we do not have an ICU. KCH is able to treat patients with COVID-19 but many patients who require hospitalization with COVID-19 need ICU care. Our closest ICU, Dixie Regional Medical Center (DRMC) receives patients from all of southern Utah, northern Arizona, and southern Nevada. DRMC is already near capacity and may be unable to receive transfers in the future. This impacts our county heavily as it will create a difficult situation when treating your loved ones.

We understand that these are difficult times we are living in and we are being asked to do things outside our comfort zones. We urge all county members to please wear a mask in public for the health of those around you. Wearing a mask, along with frequent hand washing, social distancing, and staying home when ill is something we can all do to flatten the curve and slow the spread.

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