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Rawlins County Health Center and Rawlins County Public Health Department Receive Funding for Thermometers.

To enhance visibility of febrile diseases, or those diseases related to fever, in Rawlins County, and to help with documentation of community members with COVID-19 or in isolation or quarantine with COVID-19 symptoms, Rawlins County Health Center and Rawlins County Public Health Department partnered with Kinsa Health to provide thermometers to 240 Rawlins County households.

With funding from the Dane G Hansen Foundation and the ACE Foundation, smart thermometers that can provide anonymous aggregate data of fevers in the county, have been purchased for distribution to twenty percent of Rawlins County households.

The first priority for distribution will be those patients with COVID, those awaiting lab results related to COVID, and those Rawlins County residents requesting a thermometer. Thermometers will be distributed to all areas of the county, including Atwood, McDonald, Herndon and rural areas and need to remain in the county.

Residents utilizing these smart thermometers will need to have a smart phone and can download the free Kinsa app. Anonymous fever and symptom information will be available to public health and the hospital to help the healthcare communities prepare for influxes of fevers from COVID, influenza, and other possible infectious outbreaks.

Rawlins County residents can also see the aggregate data on the “health weather data” at (<http://healthweather.us>). To request a thermometer, please go to the Rawlins County Public Health Department or Rawlins County Health Center during normal business hours.