

## Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Local Briefing Notes

### **Locally**

Cherokee County has had 1,959 positive COVID-19 cases since tracking began, including 33 deaths.

On Monday, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, serving as the Local Board of Health, voted to opt out of the statewide mask mandate.

Regarding vaccine, a significant number of those who are eligible to receive it at this time (under “Phase 1”) have received it and it’s anticipated that group will be completed when the next shipment of vaccine is received, although no specific shipment date has been provided at this time.

In addition, although Long-Term Care Facilities are eligible to receive vaccine through a separate, federal program with CVS / Walgreens, we are able to report at least one of the Long-Term Care Facilities in Cherokee County was able to successfully administer the first round of the vaccine by the end of Monday and other facilities are scheduled for the near future.

There are seven providers in Cherokee County who will be able to administer the vaccine, once it becomes available to them.

There are no Covid-19 Clusters (locations that have five or more Covid-19 cases with symptom onset dates in the last 14 days) identified by KDHE for Cherokee County.

### **Statewide**

Since data tracking started, Kansas has reported 247,502 positive cases, 7,351 hospitalizations, 3,255 deaths and 819,014 negative tests.

The federal government is not going to withhold the vaccine for the second phase, although no shipment timeframe was provided on our afternoon conference call.

Johnson and Johnson plan to have the EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) by the end of January at which time they plan to ship tens of millions of doses, ramping up production during the second half of February. This will be a single dose vaccine.

Governor Kelly would like for each county to move into “Phase 2” at the same time, rather than on their own pace.

For those needing the second dose of vaccine, it will be shipped in the same order the first doses were sent.

### **Nationally**

There have been 22,663,962 positive cases reported nationwide since tracking began, according to Johns Hopkins University. This includes 377,827 deaths.

Thanks,  
Sheriff David Groves