

Thursday, April 16, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally

One of our local positive cases has recovered and is no longer considered contagious, leaving us with one positive case in Cherokee County.

The Kansas Sheriff's Association, Kansas Chiefs of Police and Kansas Peace Officers have submitted written support to Governor Kelly's Office for the issuance of an Executive Order allowing for workers' compensation for firefighters, emergency medical personnel and law enforcement who contract COVID-19, during the course of their duties.

As some of you know, there is an issue with positive cases in the Lansing State Prison Facility. Along those lines, this morning I participated in a webinar with Tate McCotter, Executive Director of the National Institute for Jail Operations, regarding working to keep inmate populations and correctional staff safe and healthy. There was also discussion about recent attempts by the ACLU to work towards the release of inmates who have been sentenced to incarceration. Nationwide, COVID-19 related illnesses are more controlled in correctional facilities and, as a population group, inmates have far fewer positives (by population base) than residents within the community at large.

I'm attaching a copy of the PPE Request Form to this email. If any of your agencies need personal protective equipment, please complete the form and return it to me by email or faxing to my attention at 620-429-1207 and we will work towards filling the order. It is recommended you first try to obtain PPE through a private vendor first, but if needed, please complete the form. This is a requirement from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management.

Statewide

Yesterday, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 1,494 positive cases, 342 hospitalizations, 76 deaths and 13,174 negative tests. This morning, at 11:00a.m., they reported 1,588 positive cases, 359 hospitalizations, 80 deaths and 14,534 negative tests.

There was not much in the form of discussion items during our 1:00 p.m. conference call with the state.

Below is our local daily update.

As always, if there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Thanks,
Sheriff David Groves