

Friday, May 1, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally

Cherokee County has had 8 positive COVID-19 cases since tracking began. All have recovered and are no longer considered contagious.

Statewide

Kansas is reporting 4,449 positive cases, 534 hospitalizations, 130 deaths and 28,585 negative tests today, compared to 4,238 positive cases, 523 hospitalizations, 129 deaths and 27,388 negative tests yesterday.

The Governor released two new Executive Orders last night. They are attached and can also be found at [covid.ks.gov](https://www.covid.ks.gov).

The EO's were discussed during our 1:00 p.m. call with the state today. It was re-emphasized that county's have the ability and authority to make more stringent regulations but not relax them. In addition, the following was discussed:

High-risk individuals were defined as a person of any age, with a condition which makes them vulnerable. They are encouraged to practice additional caution.

Furthermore, the following industries were specifically asked about:

Pet Grooming – Allowed

Antique Malls and clothing stores – Allowed

Golf – Allowed

Golf Tournaments – Not Allowed (considered organized sport)

Parks and Playground Equipment – Allowed

Buffet and Self Service – Allowed

Outdoor Auctions – Allowed

Libraries - Allowed

Bowling Alleys – Not Allowed (phase 2)

Events held in community centers – Not Allowed (phase 2)

Salons who want to be closed to the public and operate by appointment only – Not allowed

Rodeo – Not Allowed (considered an organized sport)

With regards to the activities listed above, which are allowed, the caveat is that proper social distancing is maintained, sanitation requirements are adhered to and industry specific guidance is followed.

In addition, below is a question which was asked and the answer given.

What is the difference between a restaurant (which is allowed to open) and a bar / nightclub (which is not under this phase)? If they sell food, have been previously operating as a restaurant,

are licensed and inspected as a restaurant, they should still be considered a restaurant. A business which is just licensed for alcohol and liquor sales, has been previously licensed and inspected as a bar / nightclub, should still be considered a nightclub. Providing popcorn, bar nuts, etc... does not qualify them as a restaurant.

Again, Local Health Officers can impose stricter guidelines than the state but cannot make them more lenient.

Nationally

There have been 1,070,032 positive cases reported nationwide since tracking began. This includes 63,019 deaths and 153,947 recovered persons. Today's numbers show an increase from yesterday, which were 1,042,874 positive cases, 61,187 deaths and 124,294 recovered persons.

Below is our local daily update.

Thanks,
Sheriff David Groves