

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally

Cherokee County has no active cases at this time.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Cherokee County has a test rate of 5.12 per 1,000 residents as of today, with 102 tests reported by KDHE.

Statewide

Today, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 2,211 positive cases, 432 hospitalizations, 110 deaths and 17,992 negative tests. This was an increase from 2,025 positive cases, 419 hospitalizations, 107 deaths and 17,076 negative tests reported yesterday.

The Governor is expected to issue an Executive Order regarding medical services and there will be additional guidance pushed out in connection to that order.

There is also an Executive Order being worked on regarding mixed drinks to go.

The Kansas Department of Labor reported 31,000 new claims last week. In addition, the DOL has completed software upgrades in accordance with the with senate bill, which extends benefits from 16 to 26 weeks. Claimants do not have to do anything; the system will automatically extend the benefits.

Nationally

This morning we participated in a conference call with the White House for an overview of the “Re-Opening of America” plan, as well as how pending federal legislation may impact states, local and tribal governments. In addition, it was discussed FEMA is expediting Personal Protective Equipment into the U.S. Medical Supply Chain.

CDC is working closely with the states to provide enhanced testing and contact testing in order to contain outbreaks and control community transmission.

They continue to work to provide testing platforms and reagent ramp ups to significantly enhance the number of tests processed and the turnaround time for them with potential for positive tests with certain platforms being completed in five minutes and negative tests in thirteen minutes.

Federal programs continue to support school lunch programs and are exploring additional ways to provide food sources to rural communities.

Globally

The United States is reporting 826,184 positive cases, up from 787,960 reported yesterday.

Below is our local daily update.

Have a great and safe afternoon!

Thanks,
Sheriff David Groves