Thursday, April 23, 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 5.32 per 1,000 residents as of today, with 107 tests reported by KDHE.

Statewide

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is reporting 2,842 positive cases, 442 hospitalizations, 112 deaths and 18,836 negative tests. Yesterday, those reported numbers were 2,211 positive cases, 432 hospitalizations, 110 deaths and 17,992 negative tests.

The Governor issued Executive Order 20-27, which allows for "liquor to go" sales from Class A, Class B and other drinking establishments. Certain criteria is required to be met regarding these sales. I'm attaching a copy of EO 20-27.

Governor Kelly also directed the Kansas Department of Labor to evaluate processes and procedures for handling workers compensation claims filed by law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical service providers and health care workers, if those claims are reasonably related to the pandemic. I am attaching a copy of the DOL Press Release regarding this directive.

There was discussion again regarding upcoming elections and potential impact on poll workers / election judges.

They also again brought up the new testing criteria, which no longer requires a fever (although a fever could be one of the two required symptoms).

Nationally

The United States is reporting 843,937 positive cases reported in the United States this morning, with 46,851 deaths and 77,064 recovered cases. Yesterday there were 826,184 positive cases reported in the U.S.

Below is our local daily update.

Have a great and safe afternoon!

Thanks, Sheriff David Groves