

Sunday, May 24, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally

Cherokee County has 1 active positive case, bringing our total to 9 since tracking began. Eight of the previous cases have since recovered and are no longer considered contagious.

Statewide

During yesterday's (Saturday) call with the state Emergency Operations Center, they discussed utilizing a Blackhawk Helicopter to pick up ventilators from multiple locations to deliver to Seward County, who experienced an outbreak. They pointed out the use of the Blackhawk was possible due to the current disaster declaration.

There is still uncertainty as to whether Governor Kelly will allow the recent legislation impacting Disaster Declarations to become law or veto it.

As a result, in an effort to safeguard county and city ability to utilize resources under the Disaster Declaration, they recommend counties to maintain a local declaration.

There was no call today but they do plan one tomorrow afternoon. If the state declaration does not continue, the state operations center will have to stand down after tomorrow.

John Hopkins University is reporting 1,640,972 confirmed total positive cases since tracking began. Included in that number are 97,679 deaths and 366,736 recovered cases. Below is our local daily COVID-19 update.

Thanks!
Sheriff David Groves