

Saturday, April 25, 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 6.28 per 1,000 residents as of today, with 128 tests reported by KDHE.

Statewide

Today 3,056 positive cases, 474 hospitalizations, 117 deaths and 22,143 as compared to 2,777 positive cases, 457 hospitalizations, 111 deaths and 20,811 negative tests reported by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment yesterday.

During our daily call with statewide partners and counties across the State of Kansas, the following information was discussed:

The Kansas Emergency Operations Center is asking agencies, including medical providers to not discard their N95 masks, but rather collect them. The first pickups are planned for next Thursday with decon on Friday and back to those counties by Saturday (larger counties will be contacted first). Guidance for what to do with them should be issued by Monday and the company intends to have their plan ready to rollout by Wednesday. They will then be able to start a decontamination process.

The Secretary of Agriculture reported some issues at packing plants outside of Kansas has some impact on processing plants in Kansas, because the packing system is interconnected, but keeping Kansas plants safe, particularly pork plants, are a focus of their agency at this time.

CDC is currently touring plants throughout Western Kansas to evaluate practice and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. So far, the measures taken so far, viewed during tours, have been very impressive in Kansas plants.

As a follow-up to a question yesterday about whether or not unemployment benefits would be retroactive to those who are self-employed / independent contractors and have been having difficulty filing their unemployment claims, they answer is yes, it can be retroactive to January 29th, depending on what week the claimant was actually eligible.

Kansas Department of Wildlife of Parks and Tourism will not be issuing additional turkey permits because of the out of state hunters not being able to hunt. Turkey population is down in Kansas, but if a resident has issues with turkeys or any type of wildlife damaging crops, they can request a special permit from KDWP&T.

Nationally

The United States is reporting 924,576 positive cases in the United States with 52,782 death and 99,346 recovered. This is up from 880,112 positive cases reported in the United States yesterday, with 50,114 deaths and 80,937.

Below is our local daily update.

Have a great Saturday!

Thanks,
Sheriff David Groves