

Cherokee County Local Briefing Notes

Monday, May 25, 2020

Locally

Cherokee County currently has one active positive case. Since tracking started there have been 9 total confirmed positive cases in Cherokee County. There have been no deaths, 2 hospitalizations and 8 of the positive cases have recovered and are no longer considered contagious. In Cherokee County, 330 people have been tested with a 2.7% positive rate and an overall test rate of 16.6 per 1,000 residents.

Statewide

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is reporting 9,218 positive cases since tracking began. Included in that total are 800 hospitalizations and 188 statewide deaths. They have processed 72,181 negative tests. In Kansas, 81,245 people have been tested with an 11.3% positive rate. The overall state testing rate is 27.89 per 1,000 residents.

While the status of Kansas' Emergency Disaster Declaration remains unclear after midnight tonight, under the authorities provided under the declaration, since April 30th, the Kansas State Emergency Operations Center has:

- Processed 621 Resource Requests from 102 out of Kansas' 105 counties
- Coordinated a Blackhawk mission to transport 8 ventilators to Seward County, who is experiencing an outbreak in a meat packing plant
- Utilized 678 National Guard personnel for supporting numerous field operations, including the logistics and transportation of Personnel Protective Equipment to front line workers across the state and assisting with mitigation efforts in Kansas prisons
- Made 26 deliveries of Remdisivir (medication associated with faster recovery) to 14 different locations
- Assembled 1,926,288 meals into pantry packs
- Transported 1,324 lab samples to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Lab
- Implemented the Battelle System (decontamination of N95 Masks for safe reuse)
- Received, processed and inventoried 18,093,027 units of Personnel Protective Equipment
- 40,688 Polymerase Chain Reaction Tests, 2,721 Antibody tests
- Administered 4,155 tests with assistance of National Guard (includes 30% of state's positive tests and 100% of the meat packing industry positive test results in Finney, Seward, Ford, Lyon and Jackson Counties)
- National Guard fit tested 499 Long Term Care staff and first responders for N95 masks

Should the Disaster Declaration no longer remain in place, the Kansas Emergency Operations Center anticipates critical impacts in the following areas (not exhaustive list):

- Inability to fulfill outstanding requests for PPE, testing kits and swabs
- Inability to maintain operation of Battelle Decontamination Systems
- Lack of support for food banks, including Harvesters and Kansas Food Bank
- Inability to receive, sort, package and transport PPE and other commodities
- Inability to coordinate or mission assign ESF's (Emergency Service Functions)
- Inability to support drive through testing clinics
- Concern of increased lab processing times
- Concern about procuring ventilators and anesthesia machines suitable for deployment
- Increase in spending from State General Fund for pandemic response, rather than federal support funds
- Unable to continue Emergency Operations Center

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Again, this is just a summary of support functions which have been identified as potentially being in jeopardy based on the status of the state declaration. The EOC has requested we provide community partners with information regarding these concerns.

Nationwide

John Hopkins is reporting 1,647,741 positive cases in the United States since tracking began. This number reflects 97,850 deaths and 366,736 reported recovered cases.

Below is today's local numbers report.

Enjoy the rest of the holiday weekend and stay safe!

Sheriff David Groves