

Wednesday, May 27, 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. Cherokee County has a testing rate of 17.5 per 1,000 residents.

Statewide

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment reports 9,337 positive cases since tracking began which includes 822 hospitalizations and 205 deaths statewide. They have processed 84,333 test samples with an 11.1% positive rate and an overall test rate of 28.95 per 1,000 residents.

During the 1:00 phone call with the State Emergency Operations Center, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment noted the Quarantine and Travel Guidance (attached) remains in place.

KDHE continues to recommend residents wear a mask when out in public.

The current Emergency Declaration will expire June 10th.

In addition to the 1:00 conference call, we also participated in calls with the Kansas Association of Counties, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment along with local health departments across the state.

Discussions involved the impact of the developments, which primarily occurred over the past 24 hours.

KDHE continues to monitor active and “closed” clusters, particularly with those at meat packing plants.

KDHE stressed that the issue of the virus is not over and it’s important to emphasize personal responsibility to maintain a healthy community and minimize the spread moving forward.

There is new guidance provided for nursing homes, which I am attaching.

John Hopkins University reports 5,626,047 COVID-19 cases worldwide since tracking began. This includes 351,815 worldwide deaths reported. Domestically, they report 1,684,173 positive cases, 99,123 deaths and 384,902 recovered.

Thanks!
Sheriff David Groves