

Saturday, May 2, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

**Locally**

Cherokee County has had 8 positive COVID-19 cases since tracking began. All have recovered and are no longer considered contagious.

**Statewide**

Kansas is reporting 4,746 positives, 541 hospitalizations, 131 deaths, up from 4,449 positive cases, 534 hospitalizations, 130 deaths and 28,585 negative tests reported yesterday.

During our 1:00 p.m. call with the state today. It was re-emphasized that county's have the ability and authority to make more stringent regulations but not relax them. In addition, the following was discussed:

FEMA has been working with Medicaid / Medicare certified nursing homes to provide them with PPE directly. There will be two shipments, with the first being this week.

The Governors Office is working on an FAQ which should be pushed out later today.

KDHE will push out guidance for restaurants later today.

The Kansas Department of Labor reported stylists and other "gig" workers, who have been denied traditional unemployment claims, should continue to file weekly claims. They have to be denied before becoming eligible under the Federal CARES Act. That process should begin around May 12<sup>th</sup> with payments starting around May 25<sup>th</sup>. This should include retroactive payments.

Below is our local daily update.

Thanks and have a good weekend!

Sheriff David Groves