

Thursday, April 30, 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 4,238 positive cases today, including 523 hospitalizations, 129 deaths and 27,388 negative tests. Yesterday there were 3,738 total positives, 515 hospitalizations, 125 deaths and 25,720 negatives tests reported.

Since tracking began in Kansas, there have been 55 outbreaks resulting in 422 positive cases, 115 hospitalizations and 69 deaths reported in our state. Long Term Care Facilities have been the source of 18 of these outbreaks. Healthcare facilities have been the source of 2 of the outbreaks. An increase in outbreaks among private businesses have contributed to an uptick in positive cases when compared to their specific numbers last week, increasing from 249 to 595 this week.

In the Lansing State Prison, there have been 7 hospitalizations and 2 deaths.

With President Trumps Order requiring meat packing plants to stay open, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has been working with teams from the Centers For Disease Control, which has teams on the ground in Kansas. In order to comply with President Trumps directive, they have made modifications to isolation / quarantine protocols for meat packing plant employees. Those modifications are similar to those which healthcare providers and first responders fall under.

Increased testing efforts are being ramped up on several fronts. Wal-Mart is taking mobile testing units to various counties. In addition, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is working to double their testing in May when compared to April.

Along the lines of testing, some businesses are requiring (or plan to require) testing prior to employees or customers entering their facilities. This is not currently a strategy that KDHE is prioritizing, however they understand some private businesses may decide to require this and utilize a private reference lab.

Nationally

Today, there are 1,042,874 positive cases reported by John Hopkins University in the United States, since tracking began. Of those, there are 61,187 deaths and 124,294 recovered persons. In comparison, these numbers were: 1,013,168 positive cases, 58,368 deaths and 115,936 recovered cases reported yesterday.

Below is our local daily update.

Thanks,
Sheriff David Groves