

Tuesday, May 5, 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**

Today the Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 5,458 positive cases, which includes 566 hospitalizations and 137 deaths. There have also been 34,634 negative tests reported. Yesterday's report included 5,245 positive cases, 553 hospitalizations, 136 deaths and 33,358 negative tests.

There continues to be power outages in portions of the state but the current estimated restoration time is 7:00 p.m. tomorrow. The outages are a result of yesterday's storms.

The Kansas Department of Corrections reports Hutchinson has 1 offender positive and they have had their third COVID related offender death at Lansing.

KDHE is working on guidance for non-congregant housing which should be pushed out today or tomorrow.

The Kansas Department of Labor had 16,500 initial claims last week, which shows a downward trend, but they show over 200,000 claims since the crisis began. They started the \$600.00 payments last week and are working on sending out the retroactive payments.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program, which provides benefits to self-employed or 'gig' workers, such as salon stylists, tattoo artists, etc... is progressing. They anticipate starting to accept applications May 12th with first payments being made May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Batelle system is up and running so they will soon begin the process of decontaminating PPE from emergency responders / medical providers. Today they hope to have a finalized transportation plan in place.

### **Nationally**

John Hopkins University is reporting 1,181,855 positive cases nationwide with 69,079 deaths and 187,180 recovered cases.

Below is our local daily COVID-19 update.

Thanks and have a good, safe afternoon!

Sheriff David Groves

