

Friday, May 8, 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. Cherokee County has a case rate of 0.4 per 1,000 residents and a test rate of 10.78 per 1,000 residents.

Statewide

Yesterday the Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 6,144 total positive cases since tracking began. That number included 587 hospitalizations and 147 deaths. They also reported 38,678 negative tests. Today KDHE is reporting 6,501 positive cases, which includes 608 hospitalizations and 152 deaths. So far, they have completed 41,207 negative tests.

The Kansas Department of Education reports they will post a copy of the memo sent to Kansas Superintendents yesterday to the Kansas Web EOC (Emergency Operations Center) portal. I am attaching a copy to this email.

Currently only those who are getting tested are symptomatic and there is currently sufficient number of tests to do that across the state.

The state continues to work with counties on decontaminating PPE through the Batelle System, which will be here for the next six months.

They do not plan on having state EOC calls on Saturday or Sunday.

During Governor Kelly's 2:00 p.m. press conference she announced the Department of Labor has been issuing out the \$600.00 additional unemployment payments, three days ahead of schedule. She encourages Kansans to apply through the gating system previously established utilizing the applicants last name initial.

Kansas has been awarded an \$8.9 million grant to use for strengthening our early childhood learning programs.

Starting Monday, May 11th, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be updating their website on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as opposed to daily. This will allow KDHE staff additional time to work with local health departments.

Dr. Lee Norman reiterated Kansans who are symptomatic should contact their medical provider to be tested. There are an adequate number of tests in Kansas.

Samples have been taken from various waste water plants, including from some in Kansas. The virus does not survive in waste water, according to Dr. Norman, and is therefore not a method of disease transmission.

John Hopkins University is reporting 1,256,972 total positive cases in the United States today since tracking began. They also report 75,670 deaths and 195,036 recovered patients nationwide. Yesterday's report showed 1,231,992 positive cases with 73,573 deaths and 189,910 recovered.

Below is our local daily COVID-19 update.

Thanks, and an enjoyable Friday afternoon!

Sheriff David Groves