

Friday, April 3, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has started updating their interactive map found on their website as opposed to the image update they previously had been publishing. As of the time of this email Kansas is reporting 620 positives, 151 hospitalizations and 17 deaths, up from 552 positives, 138 hospitalizations and 13 deaths yesterday. KDHE reports 6,454 negative tests.

Nationally, there are 261,438 positives in the United States, which leads the world, followed by Italy reporting 119,827.

We have come up with a new reporting method locally, which will show our total positives since tracking began, total current positives, the number of those who have recovered and the number of deaths. I will include that data report at the end of this email.

Also locally, Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies have been delivering a letter / memo from Cherokee County Health Department Administrator Betha Elliott, outlining suggestions on ways essential businesses can enhance efforts to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The playground equipment at Columbus schools will be closed off.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is releasing guidance on increasing licensing capacity for hospitals.

Guidance has been provided (and attached to this email) on self-serve fountain drinks and coffee. It is not allowed, but please see the attached guidance for more information, if needed.

The state is exploring the question as to whether to allow restaurants to serve mixed alcohol drinks to go.

The state is requesting resource requests be halted until Monday so they can re-tool their process.

Thanks,

Sheriff David Groves

