

Saturday, April 11, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally, we have two active positive cases. Four of our previous positive cases have recovered and are no longer considered contagious.

Yesterday, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 1,166 total positive cases in Kansas since tracking started. They also reported 274 hospitalizations and 50 deaths. In addition, they reported 10,248 negative tests. Today they are reporting 1,268 positive cases, 293 hospitalizations, 55 deaths and 11,075 negative tests.

The Kansas Supreme Court heard arguments this morning regarding the overturning of Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-18 by the Kansas Legislative Coordinating Council. While no ruling has been made at the time of this email (but may be ruled on later today), it should be noted the arguments focused on the LCC's authority to overturn the Executive Order and not on the Executive Order itself. Also worth noting is the Kansas Legislative Coordinating Council has scheduled a meeting for Monday, April 13th, at 2:00 p.m.

Once again cruise nights were brought up and it was stated they would be a local decision with no guidance planned coming down from the state. However, based on recent discussions with city officials, it should be noted the Kansas League of Municipalities and other city organizations have been receiving information to the contrary, where state guidance may be forthcoming. The 1:00 p.m. conference call this daily brief entails is for county and state agencies, but does not include cities. Unfortunately that may mean, and seems to mean, there is opportunity for contradictory information being provided to city and county leaders, at times.

There was discussion about pet grooming being considered essential. Pet Grooming is not exempt under the Kansas Essential Function Framework, however pet food and vet services are. They are working to clear up any confusion on that.

The state does not plan to conduct a 1:00 p.m. conference call tomorrow, on Easter Sunday.

Below is our local daily update.

As always, if there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Thanks,
Sheriff David Groves