

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners have reached an agreement with the K-State Extension Office to manage the local Cherokee County SPARK (Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas) Project. In addition, Health Department Administrator Betha Elliott, Emergency Manager Jason Allison, Economic Development Director Janet Miller, County Treasurer Raven Elmore and myself will all serve in supporting roles. In the coming days, additional information will be disseminated regarding SPARK. In the meantime, those receiving this email are encouraged to begin gathering receipts of Covid-19 related expenditures for the period between March of this year and present day. The process of submitting reimbursement requests is being developed now and will be shared when finalized. If you have questions regarding SPARK or would like to learn more, you can find it here: [Kansas SPARK](https://www.covid.ks.gov/spark-recovery-office) (covid.ks.gov/spark-recovery-office)

As of the time of this report, Cherokee County has 9 active positive cases and have reported 57 positive cases since tracking began. Our county case rate is 2.71 per 1,000 persons. Our testing rate is 57.2 per 1,000 persons.

Statewide

During our afternoon call with statewide partners, it was noted starting Monday, schools and long-term care facilities will need to verify they are unable to obtain PPE from local sources prior to submitting a request through the Kansas Department of Emergency Management.

In addition, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has updated the list of travel restrictions, removing Arkansas, Alabama and South Carolina but leaving Arizona and Florida on the list, domestically. Additional international areas are still on the list requiring a 14-day quarantine upon return to Kansas. The KDHE Release is attached, which notes the removal of states is not due to those states being safer, necessarily, but rather the numbers in Kansas surpassing those on the list.

The Kansas Education guidelines have been received by relevant stakeholders and the guidelines are expected to be voted on tomorrow morning.

As of yesterday, Monday, July 13, 2020, the State of Kansas reported 20,058 positive cases, which includes 1,343 hospitalizations and 288 deaths. The KDHE lab has also processed 211,117 negative tests. The positive cases come from 101 of Kansas' 105 counties and have a median age of 37 years old.

Since tracking began, the state has identified 267 clusters. Currently there are 118 active clusters including:

Private Businesses – 33

Long-Term Care Facilities -27

Social Gatherings – 25
Meat Packing Plants - 10
Healthcare Facilities – 5
Sports Organizations – 5
Group Homes – 5
Corrections Facilities – 1

The additional \$600.00 per week for unemployment is set to expire July 31st.

Tomorrow, July 15th, is Tax Day.

Nationwide / Worldwide

John Hopkins University reports 13,174,741 COVID-19 cases worldwide since tracking began. This includes 574,793 deaths reported globally. Domestically, they report 3,397,069 positive cases and 136,117 deaths. There have been 1,031,939 recoveries in the U.S.

The White House Coronavirus Task Force is pushing for test results to be completed within 48 hours.

Florida has reported 132 Covid-19 related deaths in a single day.

The United States / Canadian border is expected to remain closed until mid-August at the earliest.

School plans from some of the country's largest districts include:

Los Angeles (2nd largest district) will be doing ONLINE only

Clark County / Las Vegas (5th largest district) will be doing a HYBIRD Program

San Diego (21st largest district) will be doing ONLINE only

Ft. Bend County / Houston (Top 50 largest) will be doing ONLINE only

Below is our local daily positive report.

Thanks!

Sheriff David Groves