

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally

Cherokee County has 1 active positive case, bringing our total to 9 since tracking began. Eight of the previous cases have since recovered and are no longer considered contagious.

Statewide

During our afternoon call with the State Emergency Operations Center, Will Lawrence, the Governor's Chief of Staff, announced later today the Governor will issue a new Disaster Declaration, #3, later today, which will start at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Declaration #3 will not pull through all the previous Executive Orders, but will pull through several mostly related to economic issues. She will not pull forward the Mass Gathering orders, but will maintain the re-opening plan previously released which will serve as guidance. The Governor will continue to monitor and make recommendations as to when we move forward to the next phases of the Ad Astra Plan.

Although the state Executive Orders may no longer be in place, local governments can make restrictive orders.

The Declaration would allow for the ability to continue the procurement of resources and issuing PPE to local agencies across Kansas.

Travel restrictions by KDHE are not part of any Executive Order, so the guidance will stay in place.

Dr. Lee Norman also told us, when reviewing the metrics, there is a solid and positive trendline. KDHE is receiving 3,000-3,500 test results per day with a considerable number being negative tests.

There is concern about a lack of PPE and dialysis machines moving forward, based on modeling projections for a resurgence in the fall.

Vice-President Pence and the White House Coronavirus Task Force recommends testing all employees and residents at long term care facilities. KDHE is working with KDADS to accomplish this.

KHDE has testing capabilities for symptomatic persons or asymptomatic persons as part of contact tracing investigations, but do not currently have capabilities for random testing of asymptomatic persons.

Today and tomorrow they (KDHE) are getting a serology testing platform in place, which will augment their overall testing strategy.

During the Governor's Press Conference, which was held at 3:30 p.m., the Governor announced:

- She will veto HB 2054

- She is issuing a new Emergency Disaster Declaration which will be in place until midnight June 10th
- The Governor is removing statewide order that put us into “Phase 2” and Ad Astra will be provided as guidance for counties to follow based on their local emergency orders, should they choose to.
- Local county health officials will be tasked with limiting crowd size and gatherings, should they choose to.
- State agencies, including the Kansas Department of Emergency Management and the Kansas National Guard, to continue assisting Kansans’ in mitigating the public health threat
- She issued a Proclamation calling the legislature to return to Topeka on June 3rd and address the Kansas Emergency Management Act.
- Encouraged Kansans’ to follow the advice and recommendations of local and state health officials.

The Executive Order has not been published at the time of this email, so I will include it in a subsequent email after it has been posted.

I am attaching a copy of KDHE’s self-quarantine advisory related to the weekend activities at Lake of the Ozarks Missouri.

John Hopkins University reports 5,519,878 COVID-19 cases worldwide since tracking began. This includes 346,873 worldwide deaths reported. Domestically, they report 1,663,221 positive cases, 98,223 deaths and 379,157 recovered.

Thanks!
Sheriff David Groves