

Monday, April 27, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally

Cherokee County has no active cases at this time.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment is reporting a test rate of 6.77 per 1,000 residents for Cherokee County with 135 tests.

Statewide

Today 3,328 positive cases have been reported in Kansas, since tracking began. Included in that number are 496 hospitalizations and 120 deaths. The state reports 23,839 negative tests completed. Yesterday those numbers were: 3,174 positive cases, 485 hospitalizations, 118 deaths and 23,053 negative tests.

The state re-opening plan is being reviewed and they hope to have it published in the next few days.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is working on a partnership with Wal-Mart for mobile testing capabilities in Rooks, Ellsworth and Saline Counties. Plans were finalized this morning, and a press release with additional details should be out later today.

The Kansas Department of Commerce announced the 2nd round of funding for PPP – Small Business – opened up today and the online chat feature on the website is functioning.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture and the CDC are working on gathering facts to ensure there are no issues with regards to the quantity of meat in the food supply. This is in connection to a release issued by Tyson over the weekend.

The state is training additional contact tracers who will be available to assist counties, as needed.

It is expected for the Emergency Declaration to be in place after the May 1st expiration. This will allow Executive Orders to remain in effect. This may look like an extension of the current Declaration or a new Declaration.

A new website, covid@ks.gov is up and running and will provide a central source of information regarding resources available to Kansans.

During the Governor's 2:30 p.m. press conference by Governor Kelly, she stated the guidelines her office provides will be published Thursday afternoon and the plan will include guidance for counties to put into place and will also allow counties to be more stringent, if necessary for their particular area.

Dr. Lee Norman stated his belief we would have the need to continue social distancing to the end of the year and we will likely fundamentally change the way we conduct business and interact.

Dr. Norman went on to say they are waiting on a recommendation from the CDC regarding the re-opening of pools. Governor Kelly talked about pools opening Memorial Day Weekend. She had a conversation with the Executive Director of State Parks about whether or not cities will be able to open pools on May 29th. She stated she thought things would be very close to that date and reasonable to think pools would be able to be open around that date.

Nationally

The United States is reporting 978, 680 total positive cases reported in the United States, including 55,118 deaths and 107,527 recovered. This was an increase of cases reported yesterday by Johns Hopkins University, which showed 880,112 positive cases with 50,114 deaths and 80,937 recovered.

Below is our local daily update.

I hope you all are able to enjoy the weekend!

Thanks,
Sheriff David Groves