

## Monday, April 6, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, as of the time of this email, are reporting 845 positive cases, which includes 198 hospitalizations and 22 deaths. This is up from 747 positive cases, 183 hospitalizations and 22 deaths yesterday.

The local emergency response team conducted a weekly briefing with the Board of County Commissioners this morning, letting them know our current case update, which remains at 5 total cases with 2 recovered and three still active.

In addition, the Board was advised a shipment of Personal Protective Equipment arrived from the state on Saturday and local emergency responder requests would start being filled today. In addition, Shiloh Williams provided over 100 face shield mounts and we are currently working on constructing the shields for distribution.

Following the commission meeting, Sheriff's Deputies began delivering some of the Personal Protective Equipment to long-term care facilities and others who have submitted the required PPE request form.

During the 1:00 statewide briefing, it was announced there would be a grant opportunity forthcoming, providing \$5,000.00 for local community food banks.

In addition, there will be guidance on homemade masks, which are recommended for anyone who leaves their homes. However, it was stressed, the best thing to do is stay home, not develop a false sense of security simply by wearing a homemade mask.

There was a question as to out of state workers, specifically railroad workers, who come from "high risk" areas. The opinion is they can work, but should maintain social distancing guidelines while doing essential work and then return to their hotel and not have interactions.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be adding an additional state to the "high risk area" list and as a result, will be modifying their travel guidance.

Governor Kelly stated during a press conference at 2:00, Kansas will be receiving 3.5 million masks along with gloves and other PPE supplies.

The Governor also mentioned we have one hospital alone in Kansas, which utilizes 220,000 gloves per day and that's after stopping non-essential procedures.

They are also working with the Kansas Chamber and their members to re-configure their operations to provide and manufacture PPE and other supplies.

Dr. Lee Norman stated the Army Corps of Engineers are looking at alternate care sites to increase capacity for hospitals, if needed.

There are 11 clusters in 6 counties, with 3 of those clusters being attributed to religious gatherings.

Lansing Correctional Facility has 5 staff, 3 inmates testing positive.

They will soon be receiving the Abbott platform, which will allow for 15-minute testing. The devices will be deployed to various areas across the state in an effort to make testing more available to the public.

We are improving on staying at home, but not improving as much as other states. Kansas went from an F to a D.

There was no 1:00 statewide call today, so nothing to report there.

If you need anything, let me know.

Thanks,

Sheriff David Groves