

Please find the briefing bullet points below for today, Friday, March 20, 2020

We have no new positives at the time of this email in Cherokee County, so we remain at 1 positive case at this time.

Throughout the day:

The number of positive cases went from 34 yesterday to 44 today. Again, Cherokee County remains at 1 positive case.

Governor Kelly announced working with the Small Business Administration to open up loans to help small businesses who are struggling.

The Kansas Department of Transportation offices will close starting on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be available for call-out for highway related emergencies.

The Kansas Department of Revenue is working on extensions related to Homestead, income and corporate taxes.

The Kansas Department of Revenue is closing for the next two weeks so any license expiration, suspension or medical certificate expiration (for CDL license holders) will remain unchanged during this time.

Kansas Highway Patrol Offices will be closed but will continue with essential law enforcement duties.

The Kansas National Guard Director of Military Services confirmed there is no discussion of any statewide "lock-down" for residents or "shutting down the state." He stated there are currently 20 National Guardsmen and women activated who are providing administrative support in the Topeka area. He said more may be utilized, if needed, for the sole mission of helping local agencies with delivering and distributing commodities and supplies, or also for any assistance needed if a severe storm were to hit.

In addition, Sheriff Groves spoke with Senator Moran's Office. The person he spoke with has been working with the Department of Homeland Security to help free up Personal Protective Equipment, which will flow through FEMA to our Kansas Department of Emergency Management before being distributed to local agencies. He has been in contact on a regular basis.

While he was on the phone he asked if he was hearing any chatter of a nationwide lockdown; he stated he had not. He went on to say he had been in talks with Homeland Security, the US Marshal's Office and FEMA and nobody is talking about that. Furthermore, President Trump today said there was no national plan for anything like that.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment provided info about COVID-19, stating it can survive on: copper for 4 hours, cardboard for 24 hours, plastic for 72 hours and stainless steel for 72 hours.

A reminder that Executive Order 20-07 allows for schools and other government buildings to continue being used as storm shelters.

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