

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

In Cherokee County we added another positive case today, a woman in her 70's. Both she and our other active positive case are in isolation and are cooperating with local health officials, who are in regular contact with both.

This morning I participated in a phone conference with Tom Wheeler, who is General Counsel for the National Sheriff's Association, as well as Acting Director of the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance Mike Costigan, regarding The Stafford Act and Other COVID-19 Funding Resources for law enforcement and other first responders. We are exploring options available to our local agencies.

Yesterday, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 1,426 positive cases, 1,337 positive cases, 327 hospitalizations, 69 deaths and 12,721 negative tests. As of this morning, they report 1,494 positive cases, 342 hospitalizations, 76 deaths and 13,174 negative tests.

This evening, at 6:00 p.m., Governor Laura Kelly, United States Senator Jerry Moran and Shawnee County Health Officer Gianfranco Pezzino will participate in a "Town Hall," sponsored by KSNT, KTKA and KTMJ. The event will be streamed on KSNT.com.

During our 1:00 p.m. daily conference call with state partners the Department of Labor reported they made significant upgrades to their website yesterday, allowing them to more quickly process the number of unemployment claims. In addition, the DOL reported 30,000 new claims over the last week, down from 50,000 new claims the week prior.

The Secretary of State's Office intends to have a representative on our call each Wednesday to discuss any election related updates.

During the Governor's 2:00 p.m. press conference, Governor Laura Kelly announced internal projections indicate the number of positive cases will continue to rise past the expiration of the current "Stay at Home" Order. As a result, in coordination with Kansas City Metro area mayors and Missouri Governor Mike Parson, Kansas will extend its current "Stay at Home" order until midnight May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

As always, if there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Sheriff David Groves