

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 Local Briefing Notes

Locally

An additional positive case was added in Cherokee County today, bringing our total number of positives since tracking began to 8. However, it should be noted the most recent positive has also recovered. This most recent positive works out of state, was tested out of state, has satisfied that states requirement and is considered no longer contagious. The officials with the Cherokee County Health Department have been in contact with that person.

Statewide

The state of Kansas reports 3,738 total positives, 515 hospitalizations, 125 deaths and 25,720 negatives tests reported today. Yesterday there were 3,491 positive cases from 76 counties statewide. In addition, there were 504 hospitalizations and 124 deaths reported.

There are currently 55 outbreaks across the state.

The Department of Agriculture continues to monitor and work on issues related to President Trump's Executive Order regarding meat packing plants.

The Long-Term Care representative noted that regardless of the status of the Kansas Stay At Home Order, Long-Term Care facilities will follow CDC guidelines, which means they will still not allow visitors onsite.

Brian Caskey, with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office reported the state is still exploring the possibility of mailing ballots. However, they have allowed each county to make their own decision on that.

One county asked about the legality of screening voters (temperature, etc...) before allowing them to vote. Mr. Caskey said the law doesn't currently address this, however his opinion is that voters should still have the opportunity and availability to vote, regardless of whether they are ill or not.

There was a question as to whether or not the county emergency declarations would need to be re-issued or automatically extended. The opinion was they would automatically extend.

Nationally

John Hopkins University is reporting 1,013,168 total positive cases in the U.S. since tracking began. This brought our national total to over one million for the first time, with 990,135 being reported yesterday. Today's report also includes 58,368 deaths and 115,936 recovered cases compared to 55,118 deaths and 107,527 recoveries reported yesterday.

Below is our local daily update.

Thanks,
Sheriff David Groves