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Cherokee County Health Department

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Shortly after the first Covid-19 cases were diagnosed in Cherokee County, the Health Department started creating a graphic to illustrate the current and historical data related to active cases, hospitalizations, recoveries and deaths.

Since that time, more and more data has become available on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Website, [covid.ks.gov](https://www.kdhe.ks.gov), where residents can obtain a wide variety of information, including active clusters, test rates and hospitalization rates.

With the nationwide Coronavirus response now entering its next phase, which includes the distribution and administration of a vaccine, and with county and state specific data available for residents on the Kansas Covid website, the Cherokee County Health Department will no longer be generating and posting regular updates on the county website.

“Our primary focus has always been, and continues to be, providing assistance to those in our county who have become positive for Covid-19 and those who were subjected to quarantine due to being in close contact with a positive case. Similarly, providing support and guidance for our area health care providers and long-term care facilities remains a priority,” stated Cherokee County Health Department Administrator Betha Elliott.

“While we continue to urge residents to take steps reducing the likelihood of contracting or spreading Covid-19, such as wearing masks in public, avoiding large gatherings, regularly washing hands and avoiding school or work if they are not feeling well, our team will be shifting our efforts to include providing important and timely information related to the vaccination process. Discontinuing the regular updates of data which is mostly available on the state website, frees up time to focus on those efforts,” concluded Administrator Elliott.

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