

Pottawatomie County Community Daily Update

March 24, 2020

Pottawatomie County, Kan. (March 24, 2020) – In this time of national concern, Pottawatomie County officials want to keep you updated on a daily basis in regards to COVID-19. Your safety, health and security is our top priority.

Daily updates on COVID-19 and Pottawatomie County's actions will be submitted and posted to a variety of news stations, newspapers, web-sites and social media. These updates will be posted around 4:00 p.m. daily until the pandemic is no longer an issue. Emergent messages will be posted immediately as they come to officials. You may elect to receive notice of these life-safety messages by signing up for the Everbridge NE Kansas Regional Notification System. If you wish to receive these alerts, please visit our website <https://www.pottcounty.org/431/Emergency-Alerts> and select the "Sign Up" icon. These messages are categorized as Community Information and Public Health alerts. If you have questions or need assistance with signing up, contact Emergency Management at 785-457-3358

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Currently have only one (1) confirmed COVID-19 case, male, who is hospitalized under the care of a physician.

Cases in Kansas:

The question has been asked if the County will continue to allow burning, since COVID-19 affects the respiratory system. Fire Supervisor Jared Barnes responds, "As of now the answer is yes, we will continue to allow burning. The stance of the State of Kansas and Pottawatomie County is to not limit burning at this time. Keep in mind that the month of April will still be limited to ag burning only (K.A.R. 28-19-645a) in the Flint Hills."

Pottawatomie County Officials opened the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Tuesday March 17, 2020. The EOC consist of local department heads and employees, to include but not limited to: Health Department, Emergency Management, Fire, EMS, Sheriff, and Administration. The purpose in opening the EOC is to address concerns as a team, to help provide for the safety, health and security of our citizens while we are involved in the COVID-19 pandemic. The Pottawatomie County Commission has been directly involved with this ongoing pandemic, and they are supportive of the EOC operations.

We want to remind you to follow COVID-19 guidelines, and restrictions set out by the Governor, KDHE, CDC, and our local Health Department. Social distance does not mean social isolation. Help each other out, check on the elderly and most vulnerable. Purchase only those items that you need to help ensure others are able be prepared.

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