



Pottawatomie County Community Daily Update

Pottawatomie County, Kan. (April 2, 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 UPDATE: April 3, 2020

Positive COVID-19 Cases in Kansas: 620

Deaths in Kansas: 17

Cases in Pottawatomie County: **THREE (3)**— KDHE reports 2 for Pottawatomie County; however the most recent one was inadvertently reported as a Riley County resident. This latest positive case is related to a positive case in Riley County.

If you have health questions related to COVID, please e-mail them to COVID@pottcounty.org. If you have specific questions related to Pottawatomie County's response to COVID, please e-mail them to PIO@pottcounty.org. We will do the best we can to address your concerns in a timely fashion.

This update is to provide information for the all Pottawatomie County citizens, from Wamego to Onaga, St. George to St. Mary's, from Fostoria to Belvue – all communities large and small. If your local community is doing something special or noteworthy, let us know. We would be happy to share that information, perhaps encourage others. E-mail us at PIO@Pottcount.org, or call 785-457-1432 with your news.

The best way to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus, is stay home. It is critical to slow the spread of Coronavirus (CoVid 19). The best way to do this is to stay 6 feet or more away from everyone possible—even if they do not have symptoms that include a fever, cough and shortness of breath. If we don't act, the virus can spread very easily. Sometimes people who have the virus don't know it. If you are close to someone like this, they can infect you and many others. This is why we must follow the public health order for everyone to stay at home.

What is flattening the curve? The curve is a way to show the number of people who have the virus at any point in time. Our goal is to lessen the number of new cases. People will still get the virus, but we need to help doctors and hospitals take care of them. If we work together to slow the spread, we can protect ourselves, our families and the entire Pottawatomie County community.

We understand a number of people are required to work at this time, the "essential personnel". We just want to say thank you. You keep the stores stocked, people fed, citizens safe, and we recognize you.

Daily updates will be posted around 4:00 p.m. 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

For general information, contact the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) or email COVID-19@ks.gov.

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