



Pottawatomie County Community Daily Update

Pottawatomie County, Kan. (April 10, 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 10, 2020

Positive COVID-19 Cases in Kansas: 1166

Deaths in Kansas: 50

Cases in Pottawatomie County: **Five (5), all recovering**

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.

Weekdays at 10:00 a.m., the Pottawatomie County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) updates the County Commissioners on the current state of affairs. The Emergency Manager reports on information she has received from state officials; the Health Officer reports on any new information on cases, testing, and updates from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Our Sheriff updates on any issues affecting law enforcement, and the EMS Director reports on transports, or other issues related to Covid concerns. Finally, the County Administrator reports on the operations of the County as a whole, and the status of the various departments. Commissioner Pat Weixelman suggested sharing a summary of the information discussed at those briefings in this daily update.

This morning we updated the Commission on the total number of cases in Pottawatomie County, which remains at five, and all are recovering at home. The County has completed 72 tests, and six are still pending results. The positives in our County consist of four males and one female; one in the 35-44 age range; two each in the 55-64, and 65-74 age ranges.

The Executive Orders signed into law by the Governor yesterday were discussed:

20-19 authorized any state office issued certification, permit, license or similar that was in good standing as of March 12, 2020, that may otherwise expire during the pandemic to automatically extend, without late penalty or fee, until 90 days after the termination of the Kansas State of Disaster Emergency;

20-20 provides a temporary authorization for Notaries Public to perform their duties remotely, rather than in person. Rules and requirements still apply, so Notaries are requested to familiarize themselves with this Executive Order prior to notarizing documents virtually;

20-21 suspends the issuing of turkey hunting licenses to out-of-state hunters.

The County EOC is coordinating with hospital officials in identifying alternative care facilities, if they become necessary.

The final message is the one we keep repeating: If possible, stay home. If you need to go out, make sure the trip is really essential; limit the places you go and the people you interact with. Wash your hands often, encourage your family and other household members to do the same. Sanitize frequently handled items such as doorknobs, cell phones, computer keyboards...

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.

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

If you have questions or need assistance with signing up, contact Emergency Management at 785-457-3358
Pottawatomie County Website: www.pottcounty.org

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