



Pottawatomie County Community Daily Update

Pottawatomie County, Kan. (April 17, 2020) — Your safety, health, and security is our top priority.

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Positive COVID-19 Cases in Kansas: 1705

Deaths in Kansas: 80

Cases in Pottawatomie County: **Five (5), recovered**

If you have COVID related health questions, e-mail COVID@pottcounty.org. Questions related to Pottawatomie County's response to COVID, e-mail PIO@pottcounty.org.

While the confirmed cases in Pottawatomie County have not changed in over a week, we want to remind citizens to remain cautious. The virus is still here, and we are still susceptible. Please wash your hands often, keep your distance from others (at least six feet, but more if possible!), only go out for essential functions (work, picking up groceries, etc), cover coughs and sneezes, and sanitize surfaces. For more information on how to help mitigate the spread, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>.

Unfortunately, some people would love to take advantage of the chaos and confusion caused by this pandemic by playing on the fears of others. If you have been in contact with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, you will be directly contacted (in person or by phone) by the Pottawatomie County Health Department. They will not reach out to you by text or e-mail. If you do receive a text or e-mail from someone claiming you have been identified as a close contact of a positive patient, do **not** respond or click on any links, and immediately notify your local police department and/or the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office. Additionally, they will not ask for any banking details, your social security number, or other financial information.

Are you having financial issues? Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc (HCCI) is here to help. They offer no-cost telephone counseling weekdays, 1-800-383-0217.

During her daily press conference today, Governor Kelly announced a new program to support parents and childcare providers during the pandemic. The "Hero Relief Program" expands childcare assistance subsidies for families and provides financial support directly to childcare providers. The new program specifically targets health care workers, first responders and other essential workers. More information about this program can be found at www.ksherorelief.com.

For general information, contact the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) or email COVID-19@ks.gov. You may elect to receive notice of 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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