



Pottawatomie County Community Daily Update

Pottawatomie County, Kan. (May 6, 2020) —

Your safety, health, and security is our top priority.

Positive COVID-19 Cases in Kansas: 5734 (increase of 276)

COVID-19 Deaths in Kansas: 144 (increase of 7)

*Positive COVID Cases in Pottawatomie County: **15, [11-recovered; 4 Active]** (no change)*

Pending tests in Pottawatomie County: 3 Total tested in the County: 268

As mentioned in yesterday's update, the anticipated length of each phase in the re-opening plans, for the state and county, is subject to change. The initial phase is *at least* 14 days. Therefore, the *earliest* phase II will start is Monday, May 18, 2020. The decision to extend Phase I, whether at the State or local level, is expected sometime next week, and will be based on the available data. We do anticipate more positive cases across the state. The number of cases requiring hospitalization, and COVID related fatalities will be among the data considered in determining the transition to the next phase. The Governor's plan for re-opening the State, called "Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas" is available at <https://covid.ks.gov/ad-astra-a-plan-to-reopen-kansas/>. The Pottawatomie County plan for Phase I (only the current phase is available) is available on our website at <https://www.pottcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/3404/Phase-I-Re-Opening-Plan-Pott-County-Revised>.

Many people are curious as to the effectiveness of masks in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Detailed information is available from the Mayo clinic at <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-mask/art-20485449>, and from the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. The short answer is yes. However, it is only one of many necessary steps. Additionally, the type of mask and proper wear are factors. Many people across the state, indeed across the country, are making masks from their homes. Local citizens have donated them to businesses in the County, and to our law enforcement agencies. If you need assistance in obtaining a mask, or wish to be provide masks, please contact us at PIO@pottcounty.org and we will try to match resources with need.

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.

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.