



Pottawatomie County Community Update

Pottawatomie County, Kan. (May 15, 2020) —
Your safety, health, and security is our top priority.

	State of Kansas	Pottawatomie County
Total positive COVID-19 cases	7,886 (+418)	21 (16 recovered, 3 active, 2 probable)
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	724 (+20)	0
COVID-19 related deaths	172 (+8)	0
Pending Tests	unknown	
Total Tests	61,592 (+3,964)	394 (+32)

(numbers in parentheses indicates the difference since the last update; numbers are updated Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)

For a daily case summary, visit <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas>

County offices will be open Monday, May 18, 2020, to citizens by appointment. Anyone who needs to conduct business in person should contact the relevant department (numbers available here <https://www.pottcounty.org/directory.aspx>) to schedule an appointment. The offices are expected to fully open to the public on Monday, June 1, 2020. Anyone calling for an appointment will be asked a series of questions regarding their travels and potential exposure to COVID-19 prior to scheduling the appointment. Upon arrival at the County Office Building, screenings will be done to ensure access remains safe for everyone.

PLEASE NOTE: Many of our services are available telephonically and on-line. All citizens, now and into the future, are encouraged to contact us (phone numbers and e-mail addresses available on our website) or visit our on-line services page at <https://www.pottcounty.org/494/Online-Services> to identify processes that can be completed without requiring a drive to Westmoreland!

Governor Kelly announced yesterday that while she is not requiring the state to remain in Phase 1, she is not yet ready to allow us to advance to Phase 2. Therefore, she introduced an intermediary state, Phase 1.5, which goes into effect Monday, May 18, 2020, and is in effect through at least Sunday, May 31, 2020. This cautionary phase does allow a number of new businesses to open, such as personal care services (beauty salons, tattoo parlors, etc.), and allows limited openings for other businesses, such as fitness centers. Other businesses must remain closed, including bars and bowling alleys, and “mass gatherings” remain limited to 10 people. The full version of Governor Kelly’s plan is available at <https://covid.ks.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Reopen-Kansas-Framework-v5-2.pdf>.

What about here? What are we doing in Pottawatomie County? Pottawatomie County has decided to follow each phase of the Governor’s plan going forward. All businesses are encouraged to comply with industry standards and everyone should recognize KDHE and CDC guidelines. In short, if the Governor’s plan allows the business/service/area to open/operate, the County will as well, with no additional limitations or restrictions. This new phase *allows* more businesses to open, however no business is required to open if they do not meet the requirements or feel they are not yet prepared to safely conduct business.



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.



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