



## Pottawatomie County Community Update

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 - Your safety, health, and security is our **top** priority.

	State of Kansas	Pottawatomie County
Total positive COVID-19 cases	17,618 (+717)	83 (+1) = 5 Active; Recovered 78 36 Pending*
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	1,269 (+34)	0 <b>Current known PT Co. hospitalizations</b>
COVID-19 related deaths	282 (+2)	0
Total Tests	208,482 (+6,263)	1522 (+66)

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>

\*At the request of County medical facilities, the number of pending cases is once again included in the update. Please note however, this information is correct *to the best of our knowledge*. Other entities outside the County who test Pottawatomie County citizens, may not report that to the Pottawatomie County Health Department. The number listed includes only known tests.

As indicated in Monday’s update, both Pottawatomie and Riley Counties opted out of the Governor’s “mask mandate”. However, the City of Manhattan Commission met last night, Tuesday, July 7, 2020, and after a lengthy debate, passed City Ordinance No. 7488, on a 3-2 vote, requiring face masks to be worn in most public spaces within the city limits of Manhattan. The Draft of the Ordinance is available on the City of Manhattan’s website at [https://cityofmhk.com/DocumentCenter/View/59197/Item-6B-Face-Covering-Ordinance?fbclid=IwAR2tB0aCmLlgViU\\_QCN3EsAv\\_XGm6MZV\\_jktGYVKdndliB0m\\_J2NkDwKoRU](https://cityofmhk.com/DocumentCenter/View/59197/Item-6B-Face-Covering-Ordinance?fbclid=IwAR2tB0aCmLlgViU_QCN3EsAv_XGm6MZV_jktGYVKdndliB0m_J2NkDwKoRU). In summary, an individual who fails to wear a face mask, or “face covering” may be fined \$5 for first offenses, \$10 for a second offense, and \$20 for the third and subsequent offenses. While no jail time provision is included, someone cited under this ordinance would be responsible for court costs and fees. This does not mean that someone without a face covering will automatically be cited under the ordinance. Riley County Police Department (RCPD) and the Kansas State University (KSU) Police, as in other citation matters, may use their discretion to educate or inform the public prior to issuing citations.

What does this mean for you? If you are in the Manhattan City limits, whether Riley County or Pottawatomie County side, this applies to you. Unless you fall under one of the exemptions listed in the Ordinance, you are required to wear a face covering in most public areas, indoors and out, as listed. If you are outside the City limits (keep in mind the City of Manhattan has annexed some “island” areas within Pottawatomie County not directly connected to the main part of the City – such as the area including Heritage Square), the County order is in effect – Health Order #7 for Pottawatomie County <https://www.pottcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/3610/Public-Health-Order-7>; and Health Order #14, which went into effect at 12:01 a.m. this morning for Riley County <https://www.rileycountyks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19144/Local-Health-Order-14>.

For COVID related health questions, e-mail [COVID@pottcounty.org](mailto:COVID@pottcounty.org). Questions related to Pottawatomie County’s response to COVID, e-mail [PIO@pottcounty.org](mailto:PIO@pottcounty.org).

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