



Pottawatomie County Community Update

Friday, July 10, 2020 - Your safety, health, and security is our **top** priority.

	State of Kansas	Pottawatomie County
Total positive COVID-19 cases	18,611 (+993)	89 (+6) = 6 Active; Recovered 83 36 Pending*
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	1,304 (+35)	0 Current known PT Co. hospitalizations
COVID-19 related deaths	284 (+2)	0
Total Tests	217,779 (+9,297)	1572 (+50)

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>

*Pending cases are 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.

We understand the confusion with Riley and Pottawatomie Counties, among others, opting out of the Governor’s mask mandate and the City of Manhattan passing an ordinance requiring masks within the City limits when social distancing cannot be maintained. Everyone has an opinion on whether or not masks should be worn and everyone *is entitled* to their opinion. This is a stressful time for all. We encourage citizens to avoid getting into arguments with others who do not share your views. Exemplify the behavior you would want others to follow. We may not always understand why someone chooses to do, or not do, something that makes perfect sense to us, but it is not our place to condemn them for that choice.

Pottawatomie County’s Health Order #7,

<https://www.pottcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/3610/Public-Health-Order-7?bidId=>, provides citizens the opportunity to decide, in most cases, whether or not to wear a mask. Businesses may require them for employees and customers. Within that order, however, it states that the guidelines are “recommended and encouraged” *including* the wearing of a mask. Please treat each other with respect. If not for our own sakes, then remember the attitudes we exhibit today are the classrooms for our children and their attitudes tomorrow.

For 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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