



Pottawatomie County Community Update

Monday, July 20, 2020 - Your safety, health, and security is our **top** priority.

	State of Kansas	Pottawatomie County
Total positive COVID-19 cases	23,334 (+1,369)	101 (+5) = 5 Active; 96 Recovered 11 Pending*
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	1,497 (+44)	0 Current known PT Co. hospitalizations
COVID-19 related deaths	307 (+8)	0
Total Tests	261,531 (+12,178)	1768 (+61)

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>
Hospitalizations, if we have any, are for any Pottawatomie County citizen hospitalized due to Covid, regardless of where that hospital is located.

We received a question on social media over the weekend regarding how “probable” cases are treated. Liz Parthemer, Pottawatomie County Health Officer, shared that a “probable” case is defined as:

- No confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19, meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic evidence, or
- With presumptive laboratory evidence for COVID-19, meets either clinical criteria OR epidemiologic evidence; or
- Meets vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19.

Ms. Parthemer further stated the majority of our “probable” cases are close contacts of cases that are not tested but have symptoms. Therefore, our “probable” cases are treated as though they are a positive case unless/until we receive evidence otherwise.

Governor Kelly is expected to sign an Executive Order today regarding the delay in K-12 schools starting until after Labor Day, and include health and safety mandates. At the time of this update, the order was unavailable. A link will be shared once the order is posted on the Governor’s website.

As more and more store headquarters, especially the “big box” stores such as Dillon’s/Kroger and Wal-Mart, start instructing all their stores to require masks for entry, we would like to remind citizens to be respectful of those requirements. You may not agree with the demands, you may not like them, however they do have the right to maintain those rules for their stores. Provided accommodations, such as delivery, and parking-lot pick-up are available, they can enforce this across their stores. Please be respectful of these businesses. If you do not agree, you are welcome to take your business elsewhere, however please do not take out your frustrations on the employees of the establishment. Thank you for remembering that they have families too, and are trying to earn a living for themselves as well.

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