



# Pottawatomie County Community Update

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 - Your safety, health, and security is our **top** priority.

	State of Kansas	Pottawatomie County
Total positive COVID-19 cases	24,104 (+770)	103 (+2) = 5 Active; 98 Recovered 24 Pending*
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	1,545 (+48)	0 <b>Current known PT Co. hospitalizations</b>
COVID-19 related deaths	308 (+1)	0
Total Tests	268,686 (+7,155)	1823 (+55)

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.

The Kansas Board Of Education (BOE) met via Zoom meeting today and voted 5-5 on the Governor’s Executive Order to require school districts to delay school start dates until after Labor Day. This means her Executive Order did not pass, and each individual district will decide its own start dates. When information is shared for school districts within Pottawatomie County, those dates will be posted.

Liz Parthemer, County Health Officer, advised that anyone who has been told they have been in direct contact with a COVID-19 positive person, but has not yet been contacted by the Health Department, to please contact the local health department for the County in **which they reside**. Please do not contact the health department where the positive person resides. Occasionally cases may be reported to the incorrect agency; therefore contacting your local Health Department is your best way to get current information. Please note that all contacts are not considered “close contacts” so the Health Department may advise differently based on the information provided.

- Pottawatomie County Health Department: 785-457-3719
- Riley County Health Department: 785-776-4779
- Geary County Health Department: 785-762-5788
- Wabaunsee County Health Department: 785-765-2425
- Shawnee County Health Department: 785-251-5600
- Jackson County Health Department: 785-364-2670

Our County Health Officer has also received numerous questions from individuals, organizations, and businesses about what they are “allowed” or “authorized” to do. Currently, Pottawatomie County does not have any Health Orders with restrictions, limitations, or prohibitions. HOWEVER, our County Health Department and Health Officer highly recommend that everyone follow industry standards. Certain activities, such as attending mass gatherings, riding on public transportation, etc. are addressed by the CDC and/or KDHE on their websites. Mitigation techniques are strongly encouraged at all times; this includes but is not limited to hand washing; sanitizing frequently touched surfaces (such as cell phones and other touchscreen devices); and maintaining social distancing, **or** wearing a mask when you cannot maintain social distancing. Additional information can be found on the CDC and KDHE COVID-19 pages located at :

- <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/225/How-to-protect-yourself-and-others>
- <https://agriculture.ks.gov/news-events/kansas-covid-19-resources>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-manufacturing-workers-employers.html>

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