



## Pottawatomie County Community Update

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - Your safety, health, and security is our **top** priority.

	State of Kansas	Pottawatomie County
Total positive COVID-19 cases	26,870 (+698)	107 (+0) = 7 Active; 100 Recovered 26 Pending*
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	1,700 (+56)	0 <b>Current known PT Co. hospitalizations</b>
COVID-19 related deaths	349 (+14)	0
Total Tests	284,949 (+6,013)	1,944 (+54)

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.

Wamego, USD 320, met last night for a special meeting and determined schools will start the first week of September. The specific day depends on the grades: Transition day for sixth and ninth grade students is planned for Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>; first through fifth; and tenth through twelfth will start Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>; and preschoolers and kindergartners start on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Tim Winter provided two options families have for returning students – 1<sup>st</sup> option - full on-site learning; 2<sup>nd</sup> option – remote learning. The remote learning option comes with many cautions. Additionally, a “hybrid learning” model was presented as a contingency plan, if the situation requires it.

Jennifer Merrow, Pottawatomie County Emergency Manager, shares information received from the FDA, KDHE, and CDC that is important for all citizens.

- The FDA has issued a voluntary nationwide recall of hand sanitizers, due to the possible presence of undeclared methanol (wood alcohol). Eighty-six kinds of hand sanitizers, all produced in Mexico, are included on this list provided by the FDA. Please follow this link for more information <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol>.
- KDHE has amended the travel quarantine list. Updated information may be found on KDHE’s Covid Travel website <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/175/Travel-Exposure-Related-Isolation-Quaran>. The State of Arizona, as well as French Guiana, and Bahrain have been removed from the travel ban. The state of Florida, as well as any country with a “CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice” are added to the ban.
- The CDC, along with public health officials, utilities, and public works’ agencies across the nation want to remind everyone that disposable PPE (personal protective equipment) such as gloves and masks should be appropriately discarded in the trash. Please do NOT flush any of these items down the toilet, or throw them in the streets, gutters, or other public spaces.

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