



Pottawatomie County Community Update

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2020-

Your safety, health, and security is our **top** priority.

	State of Kansas	Pottawatomie County
Total positive COVID-19 cases	50,870 (+971)	194 (+11) = 16 Active (+9); 178 Recovered (+2) 23 Pending
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	2,616 (+44)	0 Current known PT Co. hospitalizations
COVID-19 related deaths	586 (+52)	0
Total Tests	464,226 (+5,845)	2,834 (+65)

Numbers in parentheses indicates the difference since the last report; 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.

COVID-19 Case Definition. The way KDHE defines and shares positive cases has changed recently. See below for how the cases had been recorded, and how they are now recorded:

Available in full here: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas>

As of May 7, 2020, confirmed and probable cases are included in the case totals. From May 7 to August 31, 2020, in accordance with the CDC surveillance case definition at the time, a confirmed case is defined as a person who tested positive by molecular testing for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), which causes Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). A probable case is defined as a person with: a) presumptive lab evidence (serology) with COVID-19 symptoms or epi-linked to a confirmed case, or b) no lab testing with COVID-19 symptoms and epi-linked to a confirmed case.

As of September 1, 2020, in accordance with an updated CDC surveillance case definition, a confirmed case is defined as a person who tested positive by PCR. A probable case is defined as a person with: a) presumptive lab evidence (antigen) or b) no lab testing but meeting clinical case criteria and is epi-linked (see [CDC/CSTE surveillance definition](#)). Cases are based on individual people, not on the number of tests. A person with multiple tests is only counted once.

Cluster Identification

KDHE received lots of feedback, both positive and negative, after releasing the locations of active outbreaks last week on September 9. We know people appreciate the transparency and information, and that it allows Kansans to make informed decisions when assessing personal risk. KDHE staff has taken the feedback we received and is currently assessing ways in which we can report this information in a way that reflects current COVID-19 case increases. As we assess our process, we will not be releasing outbreak names and locations September 16, but anticipate doing so next Wednesday, September 23.

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