Pottawatomie County Community Update

FRIDAY, September 18, 2020-
Your safety, health, and security is our ***top*** priority.

	State of Kansas	*Pottawatomie County*
Total positive COVID-19 cases	*52,285 (+1,415)*	*212 (+18) = 25 Active (+9);*
		187 Recovered (+9) 21 Pending
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	*2,671 (+55)*	***0***
		***Current** known PT Co. hospitalizations*
COVID-19 related deaths	*596 (+10)*	*0*
Total Tests	*474,749 (+10,523)*	*2,888 (+54)*

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.

Pottawatomie County now has over 200 positive cases of COVID-19. Remember, this is the total number of positive cases since the state started recording them over six months ago. With no current hospitalizations, and no deaths (to date), Pottawatomie County is well situated at this time. We encourage citizens to continue mitigation efforts to limit the spread of the disease, especially to those who are at the highest risk. This includes but is not limited to, wearing a face covering if you cannot maintain physical distance of at least six feet between yourself and non-household members; maintaining that distance whenever you are able; and washing your hands often, or using an alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and warm water are not available. Additional information is available on the Pottawatomie County website at https://www.pottcounty.org/495/Coronavirus-Information

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) states in order to learn more about COVID-19 in Kansas, they have a goal of testing 2% of the population each month using molecular tests. Read more about the Kansas Strategy for COVID-19 Testing on their website at https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1292/KS-Statewide-Strategy-for-COVID-19-Testing. Two types of testing exists, the molecular testing confirms the presence or absence of the COVID-19 causing virus, and is used to diagnose COVID-19. Serological testing confirms the presence or absence of the *antibodies* produced by the body in response to an infection of COVID-19. This does not indicate a current positive COVID-19 infection.

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