



Pottawatomie County Community Update

FRIDAY, October 2, 2020-

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

	<i>State of Kansas</i>	<i>Pottawatomie County</i>
<i>Total positive COVID-19 cases</i>	61,111 (+1,362)	287 (+17) = 28 Active (-11); 259 Recovered (+25) 8 Pending
<i>Total COVID-19 hospitalizations</i>	2,983 (+66)	2 (no change) Current known PT Co. hospitalizations
<i>COVID-19 related deaths</i>	698 (+20)	0
<i>Total Tests</i>	531,117 (+,667)	3,224 (+56)

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.

In Wednesday’s update, we included information from KDHE regarding active clusters in the state. We provided information indicating no active clusters in Riley County. Understandably, some citizens are confused since Riley County is reporting they do have active clusters. The update from Riley County on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, reported 17 active clusters. KDHE does not report a cluster unless there are five or more (5+) cases associated with the outbreak. Riley County includes clusters with fewer people than the five-person minimum required for KDHE.

We have entered October! Which means we are actively in the fall/Autumn season, and Halloween is just around the corner. KDHE has published information on COVID safety during Halloween this year. While they strongly recommend finding a physical distancing way to celebrate this year – such as hosting online parties or contests, having a car parade to view decorated homes, or having a Halloween movie night at an outdoor theater – they are also providing ways to safely participate in more traditional Halloween celebrations:

- Protective face coverings. Correctly wearing a cloth face covering.
- Practice physical distancing. Maintain at least 6 feet distance between yourself and other non-household members.
- Avoid confined spaces. If you cannot maintain 6 feet distance, do not go there.
- Frequently wash hands. Wash with warm soap and water for at least 20 seconds; or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean frequently touched items.

Most importantly, please respect the health and safety of others. HAND out candy to trick-or-treaters, do not provide a communal “grab bowl”; or provide individual goodie bags for the children to pick-up. Keep in mind other safety measures at Halloween: stay in well-lit areas, only visit homes with their porch lights on, wear bright or reflective costumes, and stay with an adult.



Have a **Safe** Halloween

HIGHEST RISK

- Traditional door-to-door trick or treating with shared candy bowls
- Trunk or treating events
- Crowded indoor costume contests

MEDIUM RISK

- Low or no-touch trick or treating (Candy chute anyone?)
- Goodie bags from social distance
- Reverse trick or treating
- Outdoor, distanced costume parade
- Outdoor, distanced movie night

LOW RISK

- Pumpkin carving at home with family
- Outdoor, distanced pumpkin carving with friends
- Decorating at home
- Outdoor scavenger hunt in neighborhood
- Virtual costume contest
- Movie Night with family

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