



## Pottawatomie County Community Update

WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2020-

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

	State of Kansas	Pottawatomie County Numbers are from 10/26
Total positive COVID-19 cases	82,045 (+3,369)	375 (+6) = 33 Active (+5); 342 Recovered (+34) 3 Pending
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	3,752 (+106)	1 (no change) <b>Current known PT Co. hospitalizations</b>
COVID-19 related deaths	1,007 (+31)	0
Total Tests	633,033 (+7,072)	3,741 (+66)

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.

The rescheduled Wamego drive-thru flu clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m. at the Rec Complex parking lot (Southwest corner of Balderson & Hwy 24). Please bring your insurance card. The cost for non-insured persons depends on age, could be from \$20 - \$40, dependent upon how many vaccines the Health Department receives from the State specifically for the uninsured.

Since the state has now surpassed 1,000 Coronavirus related deaths, Governor Kelly has directed all flags to be flown at half-staff through sundown Friday, October 30, 2020, in recognition of those who have passed away due to the virus, and their families. "It is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of 1,007 Kansans who lost their lives to COVID-19, \*Governor Laura Kelly said\*. One of the many terrible impacts of this virus has been that families are unable to hold in-person services to mourn the passing of their loved ones. Each one of these Kansans was someone's child, parent, or grandparent. They were part of a community. Today, I'm directing that flags be lowered to half-staff, so that we may honor and remember them."

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has refined its guidelines for 'close contacts' and refined their list of underlying conditions that place individuals at 'increased risk of severe illness' from COVID-19. Briefly, the CDC now states a close contact is considered if someone has been within six feet of someone "for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period." The time need not be consecutive. More information is available at <https://ogletree.com/insights/cdc-refines-close-contact-guidelines/>.

Underlying conditions for people of any age now includes: *Cancer*. The CDC stated that it is not currently known whether an individual with a history of cancer is at increased risk for severe illness.

- *Smoking or a history of smoking*. The CDC previously identified smoking only as potentially increasing a person's risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- *Obesity*. While obesity is not a new risk factor or category on the CDC's "high-risk" list, the CDC has clarified that "obesity" (defined as a body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher but less than 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) or "severe obesity" (a BMI of 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher) "increases [the] risk of severe illness from COVID-19." The CDC stated that individuals who are "overweight" (defined as a BMI of more than 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> but less than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) might be at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

For children, the CDC *removed* from the "high-risk" list "neurologic, genetic, metabolic conditions or congenital heart disease in children (in addition to children with medical complexities)." the CDC has

refined its guidance to provide that “[c]hildren with the following conditions might be at increased risk for severe illness”:

- obesity;
- medical complexity;
- severe genetic disorders;
- severe neurologic disorders;
- inherited metabolic disorders;
- congenital (since birth) heart disease;
- diabetes;
- asthma and other chronic lung disease; and
- immunosuppression due to malignancy or immune-weakening medications.

In its October 16, 2020, **Summary of Recent Changes**, the CDC explained that the revisions regarding children “reflect[] the fact that there are less data available for children and [do] **not** imply that children are not at risk.” (Emphasis added.)

More details are available at [https://ogletree.com/insights/cdc-refines-list-of-underlying-conditions-that-place-individuals-at-increased-risk-of-severe-illness-from-covid-19./](https://ogletree.com/insights/cdc-refines-list-of-underlying-conditions-that-place-individuals-at-increased-risk-of-severe-illness-from-covid-19/)

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