



Pottawatomie County Community Update

FRIDAY, November 6, 2020-

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

	<i>State of Kansas</i>	Pott. County (no update available) <i>Same numbers as presented on 11/4</i>
<i>Total positive COVID-19 cases</i>	97,633 (+5,418)	422 (+16) = 22 Active (-1); 400 Recovered (+17) 20 Pending
<i>Total COVID-19 hospitalizations</i>	4,067 (+83)	2 (+1) Current known PT Co. hospitalizations
<i>COVID-19 related deaths</i>	1,166 (+79)	0
<i>Total Tests</i>	676,320 (+12,640)	3,945 (+98)

Numbers in parentheses indicates the difference since the last report; numbers are updated as available, usually on 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.

Due to the drastic increase in positive COVID cases, we wish to reiterate the importance of practicing the mitigation techniques. These include frequent handwashing with soap and warm water (or alcohol based hand sanitizer), sanitizing often-touched surfaces (cell phones, tablets, other electronic devices, door knobs, etc.), six foot physical distancing from non-household members, and appropriate facial coverings when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

We have all heard these tips before, however, we are over ¾ of a year into this pandemic, it is important to remember with flu season here – these steps are even more necessary than ever.

While masks are not mandated in Pottawatomie County, other areas do require them, and private businesses may require them as well. We ask all citizens to respect the wishes of these business and follow the statutes, resolutions, or ordinances for the locations you visit. When you do wear a mask, please take proper steps to ensure you are wearing it correctly!

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) shares tips on putting on, using, and removing a mask. These include:

- *Putting on the mask:
 1. Before putting on the mask, clean hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content, or soap and water.
 2. Never touch the front of the mask.
 3. Tie the mask above the head, not straight back. Avoid cutting into the ears.
- *Wearing the mask:
 1. Treat the mask as it already – and always – has the virus. Do **not** touch the front of the mask and then your face. (If you do touch the front of the mask, immediately sanitize your hands.)
 2. The mask should cover the mouth *and* nose. It may help to think of it more as a “face covering”.
 3. Do not wear the mask if it is damp or wet (this includes with spit or mucus).
- *Removing the Mask
 1. Again, do **not** touch the front of the mask. Remove the mask from the ties or elastic behind the head.
 2. Dispose of used masks, or if they are reusable, wash after every use – or at least daily.
 3. Immediately sanitize your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after removing the mask.

Non PPE (personal protective equipment) masks are NOT meant to replace proven public health strategies like staying home, social distancing and practicing good hygiene, which are all still the best ways to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. If used correctly, masks are simply another tool to help people who may have the virus -- but may not know it -- from transmitting it to others. “My wearing a mask protects you; you wearing a mask protects me.”

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