



## Pottawatomie County Community Update

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

	State of Kansas	Pott. County*
Total positive COVID-19 cases	200,426 (+5,857)	Per KDHE 866 (+32) Per PT County Health Dept: 908 (+57) 94 Active (+24); 814 Recovered (+63) Change for active and recovered is since 12/14
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	6,175 (+125)	6 current (-1, per PT County Health Dept) 32 cumulative (+0, per KDHE)
COVID-19 related deaths	2,341 (+88)	3 (no change)
Total Tests	918,265 (+11,533)	5,070 (+62) per KDHE 5,236 (+65) per PT County Health Dept

Numbers in parentheses indicates the difference since the last report; numbers are updated as available, usually on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. For a case summary, visit <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas> -

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**You asked, we listened.** The Pottawatomie County Health Department was able to work with KDHE to create a report with the total number of Active cases in Pottawatomie County. Those numbers are now updated along with the number of recovered in the county. The number of pending will be the only number we used to report, that is no longer available.

Sarah Hancock, Director of Communications at the Community HealthCare System (CHCS) provided the following link to their "COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions" page. <https://www.chcsks.org/for-associates/covid-19-vaccine-faq>, Information includes links to other websites, such as the FDA, CDC, Mayo Clinic, and others for specific details.

- General Information
- Vaccine side effects and risk
- Vaccine and employment at CHCS
- Cost

If you are looking for a brief, more visual way to find answers to COVID-19 vaccine questions, the CDC has a video presentation with information on clinical trials, safety standards, mRNA vaccines, and more here <https://www.chcsks.org/uploads/userfiles/files/documents/CDC-vaccine-info.pdf>.

Additionally, the Centers For Disease Control (CDC) updated their website on COVID-19 and holiday celebrations/small gatherings. The page can be found here <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html> and includes, among other information, several factors to consider that may contribute to the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19 at small, in-person gatherings/celebrations.

- Community levels of COVID-19
- Exposure during travel
- Location of the gathering
- Duration of the gathering
- Number and distancing of attendees
- Attendees behavior prior to the event
- Attendee behavior during the event