



Pottawatomie County Community Update

WEDNESDAY, December 30, 2020

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

	State of Kansas	Pott. County*
Total positive COVID-19 cases	222,433 (+6,371)	Per KDHE 1,109 (+52) Per PT County Health Dept: 1097 (+22) 110 Active (-13); 987 Recovered (+35)
Total COVID-19 hospitalizations	6,760 (+192)	6 current (-1, per PT County Health Dept) 36 cumulative (no change, per KDHE)
COVID-19 related deaths	2,741 (+193)	3 (no change)
Total Tests	1,001,232 (+15,419)	5,485 (+80) per KDHE PT County total not available

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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Pottawatomie County Health Department has received initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. However, the ones received are for health care personnel at this time. As additional doses are received for other individuals, we will announce the availability and where/when/how to get it in these updates, and posted on our website.

Please note the Pottawatomie County COVID-19 related deaths include those confirmed by the State and noted on the death certificate. We have received questions about rumors of additional deaths in the County being “hidden” by the Commission or Health Department. Neither the Commission nor the Health Department are “hiding” any data from citizens. The Health Department does not release any information about deaths until it is confirmed on the death certificate. This does take time to go through appropriate channels. It would be irresponsible of us to report information before it is official. We recommend all information be fact-checked for accuracy, instead of believing rumors that may or may not be true.

Winter weather is expected this weekend. As we say good-bye to what has been a very difficult year for most people, we welcome the New Year in true winter fashion. Please make sure you are prepared for snow, ice, and cold – and do not travel unless it is absolutely necessary. Staying off the roads helps us keep our emergency responders and public works’ staff safer as well.

Finally, as a reminder – if you have questions about COVID, including quarantine, isolation, symptoms, etc., please contact the Pottawatomie County Health Department at 785-457-3719 or covid@pottcounty.org. For general questions regarding Pottawatomie County local government, these updates, or other information related to our citizens, you may e-mail pio@pottcounty.org.

