COVID-19 DAILY VIDEO BRIEFING 3/26/2020

Confirmed COVID-19 cases

Updated as of 3/26/20 11AM KDHE website

- Number of confirmed cases in the U.S.: 69,197
- Number of confirmed cases in Kansas: 126
- Number of confirmed deaths in Kansas: 3; (Johnson and Wyandotte counties)
- Number of confirmed cases in Sedgwick County: 13
- Number of confirmed cases in periphery counties:
  - Butler County: 3
  - Reno County: 2

Additional presumptive positive information

- Sedgwick County currently has 13 cases of COVID-19.
  - If a case had been working while symptomatic, Sedgwick County Health Department works with the patient, patient’s manager, and Human Resources department to determine all close contacts.
  - Close contacts are people who are less than 6 feet apart for more than 10 minutes.
  - Contacts are monitored for symptoms.
  - All businesses that are still open should practice social distancing and good cleaning/ sanitizing habits.

Sedgwick County Health Department Update

- So far this week, the Health Department has swabbed almost 40 individuals who meet the criteria for testing.
This is done by appointment only.

Residents who think they need to be tested should call United Way at the Plains at 2-1-1.

Yesterday, 16 people were swabbed during a pre-scheduled appointment.

- 13 people have appointments today.

KDHE’s criteria for testing individuals has recently changed:

- Due to wide-scale shortages of laboratory supplies and reagents, testing for COVID-19 at the state lab is being prioritized for public health purposes and urgent need. KDHE will be prioritizing specimens for COVID-19 testing based upon those who meet KDHE criteria. Those include:
  - Healthcare workers and first responders who have COVID-19 symptoms
  - Potential clusters of unknown respiratory illness, with priority given to long-term care facilities and healthcare facilities
  - Hospitalized patients with no alternative diagnosis
  - Individuals over the age of 60 who have symptoms of COVID-19 with priority given to people who reside in a nursing home, long-term care facility, or other congregate setting, and
  - Individuals with underlying health conditions who would be treated differently if they were infected with COVID-19.

- Specimens that were sent to KDHE prior to March 23 will still be tested.

Supplies, Equipment and Other Donations
• Thank you, community, for answering the call.
• There has been an influx in donations since the request for materials went out on Tuesday.
• Many organizations and individuals have reached out to offer support and supplies.
• Wednesday, WSU and Textron together, donated 1,500 N-95 masks for our local first responders.
• The Medical Society of Sedgwick County dropped off a large donation of items, too.
• If you are a business and would like to offer support/ donations to keep our public safety and healthcare workers safe, let us know. We are seeking:
  o Protective face masks (N-95 or surgical masks)
  o Non-latex, medical gloves
  o Hand sanitizer
  o Surface cleaners
  o Non-permeable/fluid resistant gowns
  o Nasopharyngeal specimen collection – swab and viral transport medium

To donate, please contact Sedgwick County Emergency Management and (316) 660-5959.
Contact information

- If residents have questions about the stay-home order, please call (316) 660-9000 or email stayathomefaq@sedgwick.gov.

- If residents have general questions about COVID-19 or if they think they need to be tested, please call United Way of the Plains at 2-1-1.

- For updated information, please visit www.sedgwickcounty.org.