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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.



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- 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



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- 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:
 - Protective face masks (N-95 or surgical masks)
 - Non-latex, medical gloves
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Surface cleaners
 - Non-permeable/fluid resistant gowns
 - Nasopharyngeal specimen collection – swab and viral transport medium

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



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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.