

BOCC MEETING PUBLIC COMMENTS

12/02/2020

These are questions and comments received through the County website and through the Strategic Communications email.

Name:

Toby Franke

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Received By:

This comment was received through the online website.

Subject:

Health Mandates

Comment:

“Covid death issue is real and you have dashboard for us all, thank you. We also need a real time dashboard of the side effects caused within this community from masking the healthy and increased isolation from cancelling events and in-person school....should include real time increases (since prior year) of suicides,murders, domestic violence, depression, bacterial infection cases, closed businesses, poverty, economy meter, etc, and in comparison from 2019...this would show everyone when the cost of mandates begin to exceed benefit of covid deaths here

locally. This would be responsible and healthy for citizens here.
Thank you.”

Name:

Kim Stroupe

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Fairness among business limitations

Comment:

“I do not believe Dr Minns order is fair among similar businesses on limitation of people. If safety is the concern then I believe my venue that has 2 events (4 hours each) left in the whole 6 week mandate time frame is safer then a bar, restaurant or night club which can be open 7 days a week for longer hours. I take the safety measures just like those businesses but yet mine is not a big business like those. 4400 sq feet will safely social distance tables with 8 seats. It's not about what category I'm in it's about the fairness of your order for smaller businesses vs large business and the ability to keep people safe for a reception. Mark Arts is having an outdoor/indoor event on December 6th again fairness and safety is my complaint.”

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Donald Wharton

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COVID-19 Masking Violation

Comment:

“I wish to report ABC Liquor at 13th and West Street for poor enforcement of the mask mandate. To often they allow customers to shop without a mask which endangers others.”

Name:

Angel Yah

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Back off

Comment:

“Government needs to stay out of our business this country this city and county needs to back off of businesses u allowed lowes home depot and Walmart open all the time free to shop but u have gone against the churches and small businesses by threats”

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Sheldon Irwin

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Masks

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“You are promoting descrimination against those who have a medical condition that keep some from wearing a mask. You can say that there are medical exemptions but that is not carrying over to the business. Personally, I have offered to show a note from my doctor and I am still told to get out. Just like the news report on Davis Liquor, where my picture will be put up on a wall if I continue going there where I have been a customer for years. DESCRIMINATION.”

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“My mother in law Judy Campbell was recently exposed to covid on 11/2/2020 My husband had tested positive for covid on 11/4/2020 and found on 11/6/2020 that he tested positive for covid and is asymptomatic and not having or showing any symptoms. He is going to retested Thursday before he goes back to work. We reached out to my mother in law to let her know and she told my husband and I the rules don't pertain to her. Since she has been exposed to covid she has been going into public places such as Walmart and Denny's. She knows Thanksgiving is coming up next week and told my husband last night she doesn't want to be herself for the holidays and she is not going to get tested and my husband and I have 3 year old little boy that is immune compromised and has heart problems and other health problems. We can't take any chances with him getting it my husband Benjamin Campbell and I have done everything to keep our son safe and following the guide lines. If someone can reach

out to me or give some feedback that would be greatly appreciated thanks.

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James Kilpatrick

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Regular Meeting 11-18-20 Documents

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“These items were left off the public record for the meeting of 11-18-20. I have reason to believe the originals were not seen by the Commissioners.

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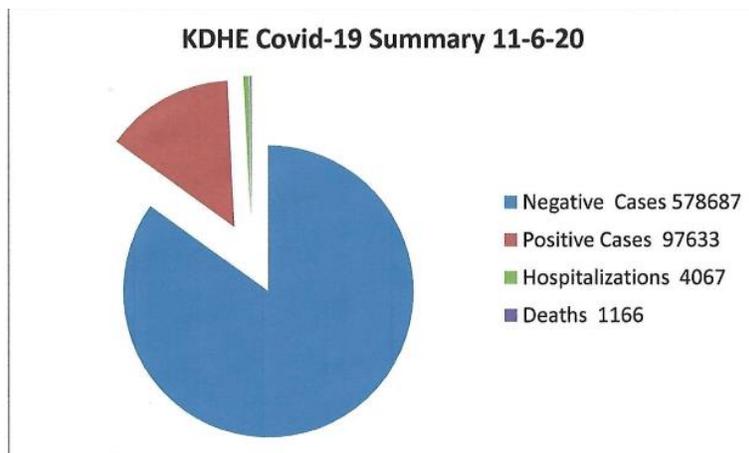
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Grace and Peace

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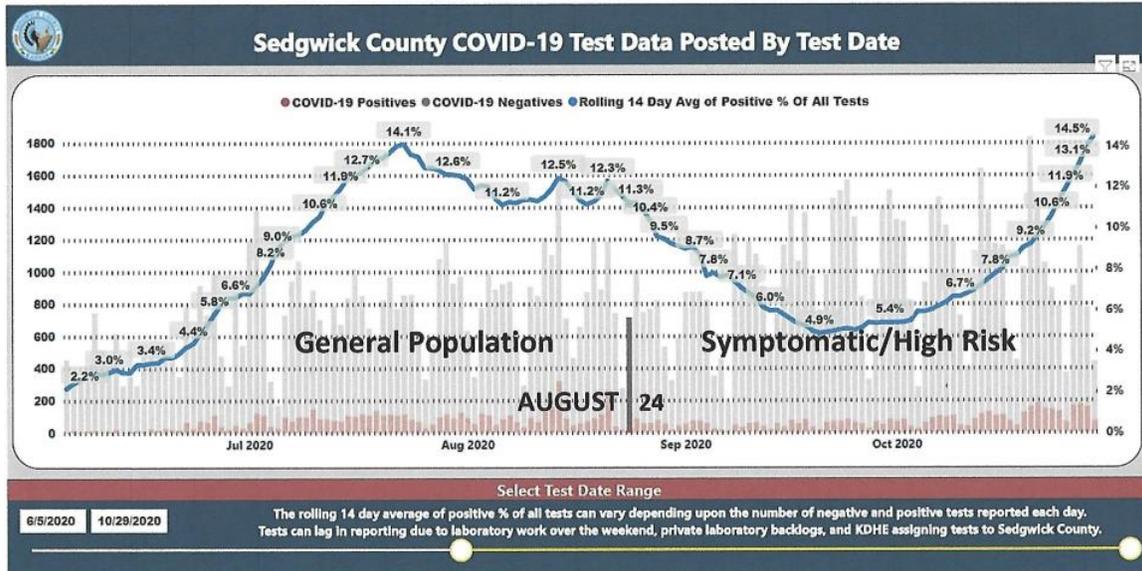
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By Gregg Re | [Fox News](#)

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2009 H1N1 Flu in Humans

Are there human infections with 2009 H1N1 virus in the U.S.?

Yes. While 2009 H1N1 activity declined after later October, 2009 human illness with 2009 H1N1 is ongoing in the United States. In fact, the 2009 H1N1 virus is the predominant influenza virus in circulation so far during the 2009-2010 flu season. The United States experienced its first wave of 2009 H1N1 activity in the spring of 2009, followed by a second wave in the fall, with the number of people infected peaking at the end of October. There are still uncertainties surrounding the rest of this flu season, including the possibility that seasonal influenza viruses will spread during the winter as they usually do while 2009 H1N1 viruses continue to cause illness. In past pandemics, flu activity has occurred in waves and it's possible that the United States could experience another wave either later in the 2010 winter, or later. In the past, when new viruses have emerged to cause flu pandemics, the new virus has continued to spread among people. Experts believe it's likely that the new 2009 H1N1 virus will continue to circulate among people for some time, perhaps as a typical winter flu.

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Subject:**Comment:**

“<https://www.zerohedge.com/medical/top-pathologist-claims-covid-19-greatest-hoax-ever-perpetrated-unsuspecting-public>

Follow link. Top epidemiologist. Masks do not work. Curfews do not work. Covid is aerosolized just like the flu. Recovery rate is 99.8 percent except those over 70. Means transmitted in same way as both influenza A and B. Stop the madness!

Sent from my iPad”

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Please read

Comment:

“<https://kansaspolicy.org/an-open-letter-to-county-commissioners-about-covid-mandates/>”

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Covid concerns

Comment:

“I like to report a possible hot spot for the introduction of more covid to Sedgwick county

NorthStar RV park has out of state travelings into and out of the park. The operator is not following any of the required Covid directives concerning individuals or his business. This practice could result in extensive transmission of the virus within the state and past it's borders.

I would suggest someone pay them a visit

Thanks”

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Rhonda Caulk

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Subject:

Lawsuits

Comment:

“We are letting Sedgwick County put on notice there are lawsuits coming for the psychological damage occurred from closing our children’s schools and mask mandates!

Sent from my iPhone”

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Gerardo Castellanos

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Subject:

Mask mandates and co

Comment:

“Hello

I am a concerned citizen in Sedgwick Co. And I want to express that I strongly disagree with the mask mandates and any and all covid restrictions. You should only be able to recommend precautions but it's unconstitutional for you to mandate masks or control our businesses and lives. I believe that we are free Americans and should control what kind of risks we take on our own. We have been masked up for months now and obviously they don't work or else we wouldn't have so many "cases". Not to mention the 2% or less mortality rate. Please let us control our own lives and remove all restrictions and mandates.

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Emily Emery

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New Health Order

Comment:

“Good morning, Commissioners!

I am writing to you today to make my voice heard regarding Dr. Minns' new health order that went into effect this morning.

First of all, regarding masks: THEY DO NOT WORK! If they worked, why are we still seeing cases rise!?

2nd: Why are you giving one unelected man the power/authority to lock down 500,000 citizens until a vaccine is ready for a virus with a 99% success rate? I've watched your meetings when I've been able to, and Dr. Minns NEVER presents ANY facts. He bases all of his decisions on feelings. You cannot base your decisions on feelings. You have to have facts and evidence to

make decisions. Commissioner Howell, you have done an excellent job. You always come prepared with facts and you ask great questions, but Dr. Minns CANNOT ANSWER THEM! Why are you other commissioners bowing to Dr. Minns?

3rd: My husband is a pastor. Our concern is for the spiritual health of our church family. Restricting large crowds to groups of 25 is detrimental to the church. We need the fellowship of our Christian brothers and sisters.

4. It's also ironic that you all would allow an order that restricts families from visiting one another during the holiday season, but we can all go to Walmart, Lowe's, or the Mall with hundreds of unrelated people.

5. School: our oldest son is in Kindergarten in the Derby school district. At Dr. Minns' recommendation, they have gone remote through the end of Christmas break. Again, a decision based off of feelings. I am a stay at home mom of 4. Our oldest is 6 and our youngest is 12 weeks. How in the world am I supposed to make my son sit and do his lessons while his 2 little brothers run around and play all day and I take care of our baby. This also disrupts my schedule, as I run all my errands during the day while he is in school. We chose to send him to school because it's not fair to him to try to learn in an environment full of distractions. The CDC even says that it is better for children to be in school.

6. Our mental health is as important as our mental health. Restricting where people can go and what they can do and how they do what they do has severe effects on mental health. I urge you to investigate suicides and suicide attempts as those numbers have sky rocketed across the country.

7. More small businesses, restaurants, and bars will fail because of the restrictions and hours Dr. Minns has imposed.

Please stop giving Dr. Minns so much control. A vaccine will not save us. Masks will not save us. Our extended family members have all worn masks for their jobs and they've all had Covid. This needs to run its course. Please reconsider this order.

Respectfully,

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Wichita resident and concerned citizen”

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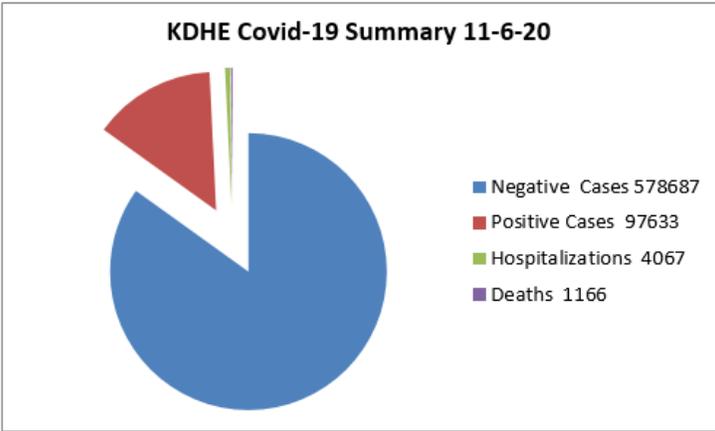
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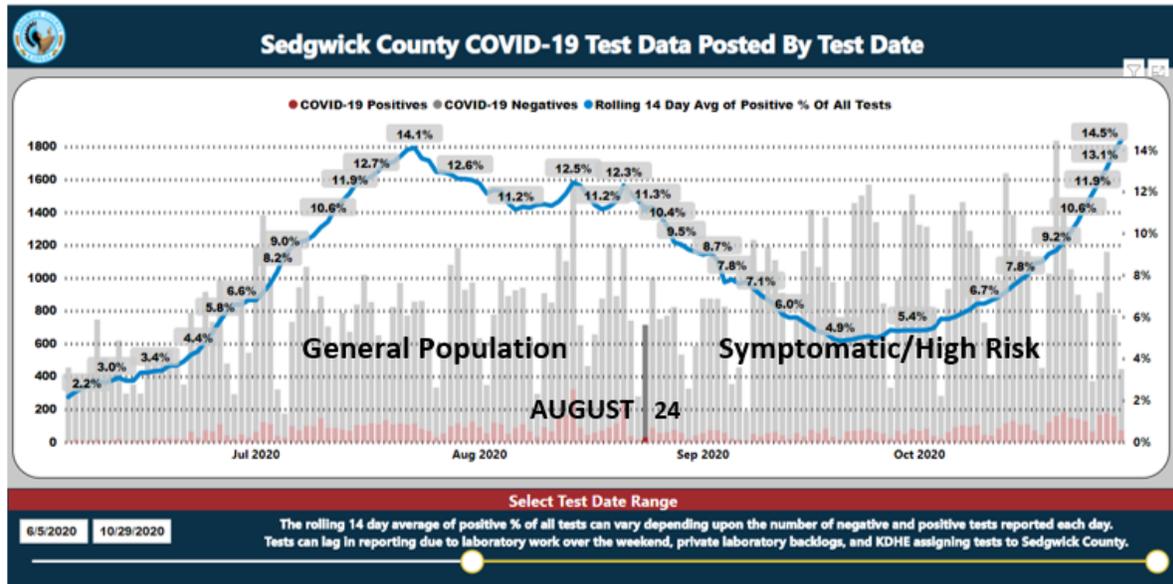
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2009 H1N1 Flu in Humans

Are there human infections with 2009 H1N1 virus in the U.S.?

Yes. While 2009 H1N1 activity declined after later October, 2009 human illness with 2009 H1N1 is ongoing in the United States. In fact, the 2009 H1N1 virus is the predominant influenza virus in circulation so far during the 2009-2010 flu season. The United States experienced its first wave of 2009 H1N1 activity in the spring of 2009, followed by a second wave in the fall, with the number of people infected peaking at the end of October. There are still uncertainties surrounding the rest of this flu season, including the possibility that seasonal influenza viruses will spread during the winter as they usually do while 2009 H1N1 viruses continue to cause illness. In past pandemics, flu activity has occurred in waves and it's possible that the United States could experience another wave either later in the 2010 winter, or later. In the past, when new viruses have emerged to cause flu pandemics, the new virus has continued to spread among people. Experts believe it's likely that the new 2009 H1N1 virus will continue to circulate among people for some time, perhaps as a typical winter flu."