

KS flags lowered for lives lost to COVID-19

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly on Friday directed that flags be lowered to half-staff across the state to recognize that more than 5,000 Kansans have now lost their lives to COVID-19.

The order extends until sundown on Sunday.

As of midday Friday, the coronavirus had been blamed on 5,016 deaths in Kansas. Kelly, in a news release, says the best way to honor the memories of victims “is by getting vaccinated” and practicing health protocols to protect against the spread of the virus.

According to the Atchison County Office of Northeast Kansas Multi County Health, 15 have died in the county. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment reports that 38 have died in Brown County, 23 in Doniphan County, 16 in Jackson County, 34 in Jefferson County, 91 in Leavenworth County, 24 in Marshall County, 55 in Nemaha County, and 30 lives have been lost to the virus in Pottawatomie County.

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