

Coronavirus cases continue locally; state offering tests

(KAIR)--Coronavirus cases continue in Kansas, with the weekly cumulative incidence rate, released by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, placing two local counties in the high division. Brown and Leavenworth counties are placed in that category, meaning more than 100 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000. Brown County reports 10 new coronavirus cases during the period beginning May 14 and ending May 20. Leavenworth County reports 107 new cases during that timeline.

The Weekly Cumulative Incidence Rate is determined by KDHE calculating the weekly cumulative incidence rate by summing the number of new COVID-19 cases with a symptom onset date during one week period divided by the population in the county and multiplied by 100,000.

The counties of Jackson, Jefferson, Doniphan and Marshall are placed in the substantial class, with Jackson reporting 9 new cases during the May 14 through May 20 timeline, while Jefferson County reports 16, Doniphan County reports 5, and Marshall County with 7.

The counties of Atchison and Nemaha are placed in the moderate class, with Atchison County reporting 8 new cases while Nemaha County reports 3.

A total of 375 new coronavirus cases statewide were reported as of May 23.

Kansas has had 785,916 cases since the start of the pandemic. 8,939 have died.

Free COVID-19 tests are being provided directly to Kansans in what state health officials call “vulnerable communities.”

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in a release, says It has partnered with the Rockefeller Foundation’s public charity, RF Catalytic Capital, and Project Access to Covid Tests, known as Project ACT, to make the tests available.

Kansans are told to go online to AccessCovidTests.org to see if their zip code is eligible. MSC Radio News tested the website, and the Atchison area zip code of 66002 is confirmed to work. Other area zip codes were not tested.

The KDHE release says that “frequent testing [for COVID-19] is especially important for those with more exposure outside the home, such as kids in school

or people who spend time in a group setting.”

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