

Local KS counties report virus case increase

Local Northeast Kansas counties are reporting an increase in the number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19.

According to a release Friday from Atchison County Emergency Management Director Wes Lanter, the 29th case is identified as a woman in her seventies who is currently hospitalized.

The case is not believed to be one involving community spread.

The 30th and 31st cases are both women, with one in her fifties, and the other in her twenties.

Both are isolating at home.

Lanter said it's not immediately known if the cases stem from community spread or from outside Atchison County.

27 of the county's cases have recovered.

Doniphan County has experienced 26 cases, meaning a two case increase from Monday's figures released by the County Health Department.

22 of the cases have recovered.

According to figures released Friday by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Jackson County has had 107 cases, with that figure reflecting a two case jump from Monday. 100 have recovered, and one is currently hospitalized.

The county has experienced one related death.

Brown County has had 14 cases, with 13 reported as recovered.

Jefferson County has had 26, Leavenworth County 1,146, Nemaha County 24, Marshall County 1, and Pottawatomie County has had 59.

The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Kansas jumped by 568, fueled in part by outbreaks in sports practices and tournaments.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment said Friday that there were now 13,538 cases, up 4.3% from Wednesday and 12% from last Friday.

The state also reported three more deaths, bringing the total to 264 since the pandemic began in early March.

There have been 18 cases in four sports clusters, according to the state, which

included the category for the first time Friday. No one has died in the clusters. They include the MAYB Boys Basketball Tournament in Wichita and the MAYB Girls Basketball Tournament in Hays on June 20-21.

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