

Atchison Co adds to virus case-count

(KAIR)--Two additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed Monday in Atchison County, bringing that locations total to 41.

According to a release from Atchison County Emergency Management Director Wes Lanter, the 40th case is a woman in her twenties, while the 41st is a man in his twenties.

Both cases have been deemed to have been contracted through community spread.

28 of the county's cases have recovered, while two remain hospitalized.

The State of Kansas Monday reported 982 more confirmed coronavirus cases and three more deaths as the state seeks to combat the surging outbreak with a mask mandate. The state Department of Health and Environment reported Monday that Kansas has had 16,901 cases, up 6% from Friday. Kansas also has reported 280 COVID-19-related deaths. Gov. Laura Kelly issued an executive order Thursday requiring people to wear masks in public and in their workplaces because of a surge in cases, and it took effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday. Counties, including many in the local area, have opted out of Kelly's mask order. Atchison County chose to uphold it, making masks a requirement at public locations.

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