

Jefferson Co reports two additional COVID deaths

(KNZA)--Jefferson County is reporting two additional COVID-19 related deaths.

The Jefferson County Health Department, in a news release Monday, said one individual was a man in his 70's and the other individual was a man in his 80's.

That brings the total number of COVID-related deaths in the county to six.

The Health Department also reported Monday nine new positive cases, bring the total number of cases in the county since the pandemic began to 277.

There are currently 30 active cases.

Kansas has reported record highs for its seven-day rolling averages of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

A spokesman for Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly said Monday that she was considering calling the Republican-controlled Legislature into a special session to impose a statewide mask mandate. Kelly spokesman Sam Coleman confirmed that the governor planned to meet with top legislative leaders Tuesday by Zoom to discuss how the state can impose a mandate for people to wear masks in public.

Kansas is seeing its largest surge in new coronavirus cases of the pandemic, with an average of 815 new cases and 32 new hospitalizations a day for the seven days ending Monday.

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