Brown Co Commission receives COVID-19 update

(KNZA)--More than 700 COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered in Brown County so far as the county continues Phase 2 of the state's vaccination plan.

Brown County Health Officer Robin Downard provided an update to the Brown County Commission Monday.

Downard said the Health Department, in conjunction with the Hiawatha Community Hospital, are holding clinics at the Fisher Center for those who have signed up and are eligible to be vaccinated under phase 2.

Teachers, law enforcement personnel and firefighters were vaccinated first. Downard said they are now vaccinating those age 65 and older, which is being done strickly by date of birth.

Downard the Health Department has been getting from 100 to 200 doses of COVID vaccine a week, but didn't receive any last week due to the weather.

COVID-19 testing is still going on at the old National Guard Armory in Horton, but Downard said they have seen a considerable drop in the number of individuals coming in to be tested. Testing is also being done at the Hiawatha Community Hospital, but they also seen a drop.

As of Monday, there were currently 17 active COVID-19 cases in Brown County, with one hospitalization. There have been 1,107 total cases in the county since the beginning of the pandemic, with 32 virus-related deaths.

Those with COVID-19 concerns can email brcovidinfo@nekmulticounty.org.

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