

Brown Co tables decision on masks

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission will consult with local health officials before deciding whether the county should opt out of Governor Kelly's mask mandate.

The Commission on Tuesday discussed the governor's order with County Attorney Kevin Hill, Kristina Romine with the Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department and State Representative Randy Garber.

The order requiring Kansas residents to wear masks in public spaces where social distancing can't be maintained takes effect Friday, but counties can exempt themselves.

Several county residents who were present at the meeting voiced their opposition to the governor's order, along with Garber.

The Commission tabled a decision until Monday to give the commission time to consult with local health officials.

As of Monday, Brown County had no active COVID-19 cases, with the 14 positive cases to date all recovered.

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