

Nemaha Co will not require masks

(KMZA)--Face masks are " strongly recommended", but will not be required in Nemaha County.

During a special meeting Thursday afternoon, the Nemaha County Commission unanimously approved a local public health order modifying the governor's executive order on face masks.

The action came on the advice of Nemaha County Health Officer Jane Sunderland, who said she had consulted with several physicians in the county.

Sunderland said it was agreed that face masks should be strongly recommended when social distancing is not possible, but not mandated at this time.

Though Nemaha County is not following Governor Kelly's executive order, Sunderland said components of the order serve as good guidelines on when to wear a mask and when not to.

In addition to wearing a mask in public, residents are encouraged to help slow the spread of COVID-19 by social distancing, practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when sick.

Of the 27 positive COVID-19 cases reported so far in the county, only three remain active.

The local order could be re-evaluated if there is a significant surge in local cases.

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