

Atchison Co sees big jump in virus cases

(KAIR)--Atchison County is reporting a large increase in the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in the county.

The Atchison County Health Department on Friday reported 157 positive cases to date. That's up twenty-two cases since Thursday and fifty-eight cases since last Friday, August 14.

Two hospitalizations are reported. The agency did not report the number of recovered cases.

The Health Department says almost all of the new cases are coming from a cluster in the county.

The county has completed 3,271 tests.

Atchison County Health Officer Lori Forge this week issued a new emergency order, which extends Phase 3.5 of the county's reopening plan until October 6.

Under the order, mass gatherings of more than 45 individuals are prohibited and masks are required in public places.

Statewide, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on Friday reported 36,856 confirmed cases of COVID-19 to date, with 419 virus-related deaths.

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