

Jefferson Co to restrict access to county buildings

**(KNZA)--Jefferson County will restrict access to county buildings to “by appointment only” beginning Wednesday through November 30.**

**The Jefferson County Commission voted unanimously to take the action Monday on the recommendation of County Health Officer Crystal VanHoutan.**

**The decision will be re-evaluated December 1st along with the countywide mask mandate implemented last week.**

**VanHoutan updated the Commission on the current COVID-19 statistics.**

**She said Jefferson County has 154 active cases. The county has had 523 total positive cases since the beginning of the pandemic, with six COVID-19 related deaths.**

**VanHoutan said the county currently has a 20 percent positivity rate.**

**She said she contracted local hospitals Monday morning regarding their capacity. VanHoutan said all are full and turning away patients. ICU beds are full. VanHoutan said all are reporting staffing issues due to COVID.**

Many Signals Communications