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Doniphan Co mask mandate rescinded

**(KNZA)--Doniphan County's countywide mask mandate has been rescinded.**

**The Doniphan County Commission took the action Monday on an unanimous vote, making it an individual decision to wear a mask.**

**Commissioners recommended cities, schools, businesses and other organizations set their own policies, as well as, encourage proper hygiene and social distancing.**

**County Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce had recommend commissioners extend the mask mandate through May 1.**

**In making the recommendation, Pierce noted most county businesses appreciate the mask mandate and concern about the new variant of the coronavirus.**

**Pierce also presented a letter to commissioners from County Health Officer Dr. Bradley Gaul, requesting the commission give the mask mandate a little more time.**

**As of Monday, Pierce reported 5 active COVID-19 cases in Doniphan County. Since March 2020, the county has seen 929 total positive cases, with a positivity rate of 5.64 percent over the past two weeks.**

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