

Doniphan Co mask mandate rescinded

(KNZA)--Doniphan County's countywide mask mandate has been rescinded.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