

Virus increase noted in local counties

(KAIR)--61 additional positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Atchison County since Wednesday, bringing the total number of active cases to 162..

The Atchison County office of Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health on Wednesday reported 72 active cases, with an additional 29 cases reported Thursday and 32 more cases on Friday.

The Health Department also reported one additional hospitalization on Friday. One person was reported hospitalized in Atchison County on Wednesday due to the virus.

Atchison County, as of Wednesday, was ranked 78th in the [Kansas County Covid rankings](#), overseen by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and based on a county's vaccination rate, the average number of COVID cases, and the average number of COVID tests given.

Jackson County continues to see an increase in COVID-19 cases fueled by the more contagious delta variant.

The Jackson County Office of Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health on Thursday reported 145 active cases. That's up 44 cases from one week ago.

Since the pandemic began, the county has seen 1,743 positive cases, 54 total hospitalizations and 18 virus-related deaths.

The Health Department reports 53 percent of eligible Jackson County residents have been totally vaccinated.

Jackson County is ranked 19th in the Kansas County Covid Rankings.

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