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Extra help approved for Nemaha Co health officer  
**(KMZA)--The Nemaha County Commission in a special meeting Wednesday approved the hiring of extra help for the county health officer.**

**Due to a recent uptick in COVID-19 cases, Health Officer Heaven Schuette told commissioners she would like to hire Anna Knapp to help out in her office while the numbers in the county remain high.**

**Knapp will be a relief employee for the county. She started work Wednesday at a salary of \$18 an hour.**

**Schuette's office on Wednesday reported 82 active coronavirus cases in the county, with three hospitalized. That's up from 72 active cases on January 12.**

**Her office also reported four additional COVID-related deaths, bringing the total to 61 since the pandemic began.**

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