

Local COVID cases continue decline; testing, vaccinations, ongoing  
**(KAIR)--The lowest number of coronavirus cases are reported in Jefferson County “in quite some time.”**

**That’s according to Jefferson County Health Department Administrator Crystal Vanhoutan, who met with the Jefferson County Commission Monday.**

**According to the unofficial minutes of Monday’s meeting, Vanhoutan, during her presentation, reported to the Commission that as of October 12, seven cases of COVID-19 were reported in the county, with Vanhoutan commending the low amount of activity.**

**Coronavirus testing is continuing at the Jefferson County clinic.**

**Meanwhile, in Doniphan County, health officials are ready to begin administering the latest, approved coronavirus booster vaccine.**

**According to a release, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has expanded the use of the Bivalent COVID-19 booster to children aged 5 to 11 who received their last vaccine dose at least two months ago.**

**The release explains that the updated boosters are given the name “bivalent” because they protect against both the original virus that causes COVID-19 and the Omnicron variants that are currently causing most infections. The boosters were shown to be safe and effective and are a key tool in helping provide better protection against variants that are currently spreading.**

**The Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health will offer vaccination no sooner than Wednesday, October 26, at its Walk-In Immunization Clinic, with the morning session to run from 9:30 to 11:30. The afternoon session will run from 1:30 until 4:00.**

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