

Masks required as virus cases rise in Atchison Co

**(KAIR)--Atchison County residents will be required to wear masks when Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's mandate takes effect Friday.**

**That's follows action, or a lack thereof, taken during Tuesday's meeting of the Atchison County Commission.**

**Following discussion on the state requirement, Commissioner Eric Noll made a motion to to not follow the state. However, the motion died due to a lack of a second, keeping the state's mandate in place.**

**A two-case increase in COVID-19 cases is reported in Atchison County, bringing the total to 36.**

**According to a release from Atchison County Emergency Management Director Wes Lanter Wednesday, the 35th and 36th cases are both women in their twenties.**

**Both cases have been determined as community spread.**

**The County currently has two positive cases hospitalized.**

**28 have recovered.**

**According to figures released Wednesday by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the State of Kansas has had 14,990 confirmed positive cases in 97 of the state's 105 counties.**

**272 have died statewide.**

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