

Atchison Co adds to virus case-count

**(KAIR)--Two additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed Monday in Atchison County, bringing that locations total to 41.**

**According to a release from Atchison County Emergency Management Director Wes Lanter, the 40th case is a woman in her twenties, while the 41st is a man in his twenties.**

**Both cases have been deemed to have been contracted through community spread.**

**28 of the county's cases have recovered, while two remain hospitalized.**

**The State of Kansas Monday reported 982 more confirmed coronavirus cases and three more deaths as the state seeks to combat the surging outbreak with a mask mandate. The state Department of Health and Environment reported Monday that Kansas has had 16,901 cases, up 6% from Friday. Kansas also has reported 280 COVID-19-related deaths. Gov. Laura Kelly issued an executive order Thursday requiring people to wear masks in public and in their workplaces because of a surge in cases, and it took effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday. Counties, including many in the local area, have opted out of Kelly's mask order. Atchison County chose to uphold it, making masks a requirement at public locations.**

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