

County, city receives update from hospital

(KNZA)--Hiawatha Community Hospital's mobile COVID screening clinic continues to be very busy.

Hospital CEO John Broberg provided an update on the hospital's activities to the Brown County Commission and Hiawatha City Commission at their respective meetings on Monday.

Broberg said the number of patients seen at the mobile clinic in September was double the number of patients seen in August.

413 total tests were completed in September--including 315 patients with COVID symptoms. The positivity rate was 9.1 percent.

As of October 2, more than 16-hundred tests have been completed since the mobile clinic opened in late April. The clinic, which was originally in a tent, is now located inside the former Searight building.

Broberg said is no charge for a COVID test, if the patient has symptoms and they are sent to the state for testing. If the test is for exposure, the test would go to a private lab and there is a charge.

As of Tuesday, a total of 147 positive cases have been reported in Brown County, with 5 COVID-related deaths. There are currently 19 active cases, with no hospitalizations.

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