Atchison Co seeing significant increase in COVID cases

(KAIR)--Atchison County is seeing a significant increase in COVID-19 cases, with several active outbreaks sites reported in the county.

The Atchison County Health Department on Wednesday reported 37 additional cases since October 2nd, bringing the total number of positive cases to 400 since the pandemic began.

71 are currently active, with 8 hospitalized.

The county has seen 4 virus-related deaths.

Meanwhile, Atchison County Health Officer Lori Forge in a release Wednesday advised of a potential COVID-19 exposure if you visited Pete's Steakhouse in Atchison September 29th through October 4.

Forge listed several current outbreak sites in the county besides the restaurant--including Benedictine College, Bunge Corporation, Maur Hill-Mount Academy and Heritage Tractor.

The Health Department is urging residents to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus by wearing a mask in public places, social distancing, practicing good hand hygiene and staying home if you are not feeling well.

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