

Virus cases rise in Jefferson Co

(KAIR)--13 new positive cases of COVID-19 are confirmed in Jefferson County.

That's according to a release issued Monday by County Emergency Manager Keith Jeffers.

The figures cited in the release, updated from those made public January 22, show no current virus-related hospitalizations and no additional deaths. The county has incurred 24 deaths since the time the pandemic began.

The release notes that the COVID-19 testing clinic, located at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Annex, will resume Wednesday.

Jefferson County Health Department Administrator Crystal VanHoutan on Monday updated the County Commission during their weekly session, that, as of Friday, 1,482 positive cases had been confirmed in the county since the beginning of the pandemic.

The Commission later unanimously approved a document for delegation of authority for the health department, in the absence of the director. That move comes as Phase 2 vaccinations began this week, along with second vaccinations for those vaccinated in late December.

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