

Jefferson County mask mandate extended

**(KNZA)--The countywide mask mandate in Jefferson County has been extended.**

**At the request of County Health Department Administrator Crystal VanHoutan, the Jefferson County Commission voted Monday to continue the mask mandate until February 16.**

**It's been in place since November to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.**

**VanHoutan updated the Commission on the latest COVID statistics. As of Monday, the county has seen 1,532 total cases, 64 hospitalizations and 24 deaths since the pandemic began.**

**VanHoutan said the county is now at a 7 percent positivity rate.**

**She said 333 people were vaccinated during the first Phase 2 COVID vaccination clinic held January 26. Clinics will continue this week.**

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