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Health officials urge continued efforts to avoid COVID-19

**(KLZA)-- The good news is there has been a downward trend in the number of new COVID-19 cases in recent weeks within the Southeast District Health Department five-county jurisdiction.**

**SEDHD Director Grant Brueggemann advises that with the variants of the coronavirus beginning to circulate across the country, we need to remain vigilant. He notes that even though the COVID-19 vaccine is becoming more readily available, it does not mean it is time for everything to go back to normal.**

**Last week in Nebraska the number of hospitalizations in the state due to COVID-19 reached their lowest point since October 1.**

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