

Atchison Co virus cases grow to 140

Editor's note: the below statement was released Wednesday by Atchison County Health Officer Lori Forge.

Atchison County is experiencing an increase of Covid19 cases, more now than ever before. The county currently has 140 active cases. It is imperative that each and every one of us do our part to stop the spread. Wear a mask when unable to maintain a six foot distance from those that do not reside with you. Keep your hands clean and away from your face. Avoid large gatherings. STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK and get tested! KDHE is helping with Atchison County's investigations of positive cases and contact tracing, therefore the Health Department is sometimes unaware of hospitalizations, however, there are at least 8 individuals in the hospital and sadly there is another death to report. This virus has devastated many lives and continues to rage on. We need to come together as a unit to help each other, stop the hate, and be kind to one another.

Also a reminder, if you are having symptoms you should be tested. You should stay at home until you have those test results back from your provider. If you are positive for Covid19 you must stay home until your isolation period is over. (date will be provided by KDHE) If you are a contact to a positive case and have NOT been vaccinated you must stay in your home until your quarantine period is over. (date will be provided by KDHE). This is not a suggestion, this is a must. If you are in need of supplies or medical care contact family, friends, or your medical provider. If you are having a medical emergency call 911 and tell the operator that you are Covid19 positive so that the ambulance and the medical facility can prepare for you.

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