

Virus cases climb in Atchison Co

(KAIR)--A 41-case increase in the number of positive, Atchison County COVID-19 cases is reported this week by health officials.

According to statistics released Wednesday by the Atchison County office of the Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health Departments, Atchison County has 223 active coronavirus cases, up from 182 cases confirmed January 5.

The number of those county residents hospitalized for COVID-19 has decreased by half, over the course of a week, with 6 currently hospitalized, down from 12 hospitalized last week.

The latest figures show that of Atchison County's 223 cases, 11 are under the age of 5; 28 are age 5 to 12; 51 are 13 to 21; 50 are 22 to 35; 37 are 36 to 50; 31 are 51 to 65; and 15 are over the age of 65.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Atchison County has had 3,356 cases since the start of the pandemic.

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