

Local COVID cases continue decline; testing, vaccinations, ongoing
(KAIR)--The lowest number of coronavirus cases are reported in Jefferson County “in quite some time.”

That’s according to Jefferson County Health Department Administrator Crystal Vanhoutan, who met with the Jefferson County Commission Monday.

According to the unofficial minutes of Monday’s meeting, Vanhoutan, during her presentation, reported to the Commission that as of October 12, seven cases of COVID-19 were reported in the county, with Vanhoutan commending the low amount of activity.

Coronavirus testing is continuing at the Jefferson County clinic.

Meanwhile, in Doniphan County, health officials are ready to begin administering the latest, approved coronavirus booster vaccine.

According to a release, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has expanded the use of the Bivalent COVID-19 booster to children aged 5 to 11 who received their last vaccine dose at least two months ago.

The release explains that the updated boosters are given the name “bivalent” because they protect against both the original virus that causes COVID-19 and the Omnicron variants that are currently causing most infections. The boosters were shown to be safe and effective and are a key tool in helping provide better protection against variants that are currently spreading.

The Doniphan County Health Department/Home Health will offer vaccination no sooner than Wednesday, October 26, at its Walk-In Immunization Clinic, with the morning session to run from 9:30 to 11:30. The afternoon session will run from 1:30 until 4:00.

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