**TO:** All Nemaha County Hospital Team Members

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

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**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

During these difficult times it can be depressing just watching the evening news. Unemployment is high, the stock market is in the tank and sickness and death are everywhere! Because of this, it is very important that we all take care of our physical and mental health. Anxiety and depression can lead to physical health issues and also affect your entire life. Please know that as an employee of Nemaha County Hospital, you have access to our Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The service is provided at no cost to you or a member of your family. It is totally confidential and it is not a sign of weakness to ask for help. The phone number is posted around the facility so please call if you even think you might need assistance.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 1,033,478 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 956,588 cases. There have been 54,369 deaths. Yesterday there had been 48,583 deaths. 218,864 patients have recovered. Yesterday that number was 202,728.

In the United States there are now 245,646 positive cases, 6,058 deaths and 9,311 people that have recovered. Yesterday there were 216,722 cases, 5,137 deaths and 8,672 people that have recovered. 92,700 of the US cases are in New York!

In Nebraska there are now 255 cases and six deaths. Yesterday there had been 214 cases and five deaths. The deaths have occurred in Douglas, Hall, Buffalo, Madison, Gage and Lincoln counties. There is no data available on recovered patients in our state. We have had one confirmed case in our county and one in Otoe County with no community spread. 116 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County.

At this time we still believe that we have an adequate supply of PPE, if we use what we have conservatively. We are doing everything possible to obtain more supplies, but so is every other hospital in the country. It appears that most hospitals, large and small, are using UV light to decontaminate N95 masks as we are.

Once again, I want to remind you that the most important thing that you can to do help stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect your family and co-workers is to stay home when not at work and wash your hands. I hear stories of people gathering at bars and restaurants around town. If you know these people, remind them that they are making it extremely difficult for the healthcare team to do their job. This disease is serious and we need everyone’s help curbing its spread. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the leadership team and we will answer your question to the best of our ability.

Thanks for all you do every day!