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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** April 6, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

I hope that those of you that were off this weekend found some time to relax and that those of you that were working felt safe.

The governor has directed that the entire state be under Directed Health Measures, which puts further restrictions on what we can and can’t do to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Also, over the weekend, the CDC has come out recommending that all persons wear a cloth mask when they are out in public. We ask that all employees follow the CDC recommendation and set a good example for others in our community. Of course, the best way to stop the spread of this virus it to stay at home and not be out in public.

Also, as of 6:00 am tomorrow, April 7th, all patients entering the hospital will be asked to wear a mask while they are here. If we had an adequate number of masks, all employees would also be asked to wear a surgical mask, but that is not the case. All employees should continue to practice social distancing whenever possible.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 1,288,372 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 1,218,474 cases. There have been 70,482 deaths. Yesterday there had been 65,884 deaths. 270,249 patients have recovered. Yesterday that number was 252,538.

In the United States there are now 337,933 positive cases, 9,653 deaths and 17,582 people that have recovered. Yesterday there were 312,249 cases, 8,503 deaths and 15,021 people that have recovered. 123,160 of the US cases are in New York!

In Nebraska there are now 364 cases and eight deaths. Yesterday there had been 323 cases and eight 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, one in Johnson County and one in Otoe County with no community spread. 144 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. Remember our travel restrictions and practice social distancing in all situations.

Thanks for all you do every day!