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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

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**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Some of you may be concerned that the governor has not issued a shelter at home order for our state. I was relieved when I heard Dr. Fauci say that he had visited with Governor Ricketts and Governor Reynolds from Iowa and he was sure that the plans that they had in place were appropriate for their states.

Cloth masks are available for employees and can be found in Heather Rowell’s office. We have a limited number of these so don’t take one if you already have one. Also, see Heather’s email about the proper use and care of these masks.

I have been graphing the daily statistics I post here and they tell an interesting story. If you only look at the Douglas County numbers you might think that the number of cases in the state are leveling off. They are not. What is happening is that there are other hot spots arising across the state. Grand Island is the newest hotspot so be aware of travelers from that area.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 1,362,936 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 1,288,372 cases. There have been 76,373 deaths. Yesterday there had been 70,482 deaths. 292,188 patients have recovered. Yesterday that number was 270,249.

In the United States there are now 368,449 positive cases, 10,993 deaths and 19,919 people that have recovered. Yesterday there were 337,933 cases, 9,653 deaths and 17,582 people that have recovered. 131,830 of the US cases are in New York!

In Nebraska there are now 417 cases and nine deaths. Yesterday there had been 364 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. 159 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County.

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!