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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** April 15, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. Today we are hearing that the owner of the Nebraska Crossing Outlet Mall is re-opening the mall. I am very disappointed with this action and believe that it is irresponsible to do this at this time. The number of cases in the state is still rising and I believe this action is putting the employees of the stores in the mall at risk. This is not the time to promote the gathering of people in a mall. I would encourage all of you to not go to this or any other mall to shop right now.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 2,000,984 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 1,935,646 cases. There have been 128,011 deaths. Yesterday there had been 120,914 deaths.

In the United States there are now 609,696 positive cases, 26,059 deaths and 3,120,381 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 582,634 cases, 23,649 deaths and 2,964,726 people that had been tested. 203,377 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 196,146 cases there. It appears that there is a flattening of the curve in that area.

In Nebraska there are now 901 cases and 20 deaths. Yesterday there had been 871 cases and 18 deaths. 11,729 tests have been run in the state. Yesterday 11,357 people had been tested. The deaths have occurred in Douglas, Hall, Buffalo, Madison, Custer, Gage, Lancaster and Lincoln counties. Four deaths are unassigned. We have had one confirmed case in Nemaha County, one in Johnson County and one in Otoe County with no community spread. 251 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 214 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area. It appears that there are a large number of cases in Central Nebraska with a growing number of cases in Adams County, Custer County and Dawson County as well as Hall County. I would not recommend travel to this area.

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. Wear a cloth mask when you must be out in public.

Thanks for all you do every day!