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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

**DATE:** April 17, 2020

**RE:** Daily COVID-19 Update

Good morning and thanks for reading this update. The number of cases in Nebraska continues to rise at a rate that shows we have not yet reached our peak, which confirms the need to continue to practice social distancing. Malls should not be reopening, in my opinion. Also, please consider voting by mail-in ballot.

Thanks to everyone for wearing your mask. I know that this is kind of a pain but we just want to protect all employees and patients as much as possible. You can always have fun with this by drawing a mustache or lips on your mask. With infectious disease it is always the unknown positive that can be the most harmful so prevention is much better than trying to find a cure.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 2,181,508 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 2,081,969 cases. There have been 147,337 deaths. Yesterday there had been 138,487 deaths.

In the United States there are now 671,493 positive cases, 33,288 deaths and 3,423,034 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 639,733 cases, 30,990 deaths and 3,262,921 people that had been tested. 223,691 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 214,832 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 1066 cases and 24 deaths. Yesterday there had been 952 positive cases and 21 deaths. 13,104 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 12,294 people had been tested. The deaths have occurred in Douglas, Hall, Buffalo, Madison, Custer, Gage, Lancaster and Lincoln counties. Nine deaths are unassigned. We have had one confirmed case in Nemaha County, two in Johnson County and one in Otoe County with no community spread. 266 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 247 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 64 cases in Adams County, which is the Hastings area. If you add these two counties together, and they area right next to each other, there are more cases there than in Douglas County with much less population. Actually, the infection rate in Hall County per capita is higher than New York City! 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!