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

**FROM:** Marty Fattig

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**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. The model developed by the University of Washington shows that cases in Nebraska will peak around May 1st.

I would like to remind you that the CDC does not recommend that people with COVID-19 symptoms come to the clinic or to the emergency room. They say that the patient should call their provider and follow their directions. If they can manage their disease at home, they should stay there. If they have symptoms we are going to assume that they have the disease. By staying home they will not contaminate healthcare workers or others in the community.

As of 9:00 this morning there were 2,420,439 cases in the world. Yesterday there were 2,347,875 cases. There have been 166,205 deaths. Yesterday there had been 161,402 deaths.

In the United States there are now 759,786 positive cases, 40,683 deaths and 3,882,002 people that have been tested. Yesterday there were 735,287 cases, 39,090 deaths and 3,723,634 people that had been tested. 248,417 of the US cases are in New York. Yesterday there were 242,570 cases there.

In Nebraska there are now 1,474 cases and 28 deaths. Yesterday there had been 1,287 positive cases and 28 deaths. 15,680 people have been tested in the state. Yesterday 14,575 people had been tested. The deaths have occurred in Douglas, Hall, Buffalo, Madison, Custer, Gage, Lancaster and Lincoln counties with several deaths still unassigned to a county. We have had one confirmed case in Nemaha County, two in Johnson County and one in Otoe County with no community spread. 280 of the Nebraska cases are in Douglas County. There has now been 457 confirmed cases in Hall County, which is the Grand Island area and 98 cases in Adams County, which is the Hastings area. There are more cases in Hall County than in Douglas County with much less population. There are also 124 cases in Dawson 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!